

BE CURIOUS

Caregiver Gear Up Lesson

PURPOSE:

Teach caregivers about the scientific method, critical thinking, and how young children can use these tools.

LEARNING GOALS:

- To learn how to foster critical thinking and observation in children.
- To incorporate the basics of the scientific method into our daily activities.

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS:

- **Teacher or Science Educator**– Focus discussion on critical thinking and easy ways to guide and foster children’s natural curiosity. Explain how the basics of the scientific method can be understood by young children.
- **Children’s Librarian** –Focus discussion on opportunities for independent learning and evaluating good sources of information.

HOSTING THIS SESSION:

- PLEASE READ THROUGH CAREGIVER HANDOUT BEFORE HOSTING THIS DISCUSSION.
 - Welcome caregivers back.
 - Invite caregivers to share some of the at-home activities they completed with their children from last week’s session.
 - Allow caregivers time to ask any questions.
 - Give out Caregiver Handout. Encourage caregivers to take notes on the back of the Caregiver Handout.
 - Announce today’s theme - **Be Curious**

 - Introduce Guest Speaker and what they will be speaking about today.
- OR**
- Facilitate discussion using this lesson’s discussion questions.
 - Distribute discussion questions to caregivers.
 - Have caregiver read question aloud.
 - Encourage everyone to answer the questions as a group.

CLOSURE:

- Encourage questions at the end of session.
- Review what children learned today. Encourage caregivers to invite children to show them what they observed during the lesson.