

Anne

The Animated Series

EDUCATOR'S
GUIDE
EPISODE #20





MARBLES - EPISODE #20

When marbles become the latest fad at school Anne is swept along in marble madness. So much so that she risks a marble Matthew has owned since he was a boy and loses it. She realizes that becoming obsessed with winning has only created bad feelings. She persuades the other children to stop playing marbles for keeps and to put the fun back in the game.

Learning Objective

These activities will build:

Cultural/Social Diversity Appreciation and Understanding
Music and Art Appreciation and Performance

Talking About the Episode

This episode highlights, in a very child-friendly method, the attractions and pitfalls of fads. Build on the episode by talking about how fads can be attractive and yet can lead to very negative behaviours.

- Who can tell us what a fad is? Who can describe a fad that you and/or some of your friends are into?
- Who can tell us what competition is?
- In this story, the marble craze began to hurt some people, how?

In Style

Creative play can allow children to imitate, discuss and explore the world around them. Have children create two posters or charts: *In Style* and *Never Goes Out of Style*. Use magazines, newspaper inserts and drawings to fill the two posters.

Fading Fads

Give children a lesson in the temporary nature of fads by introducing them to past trends through music or old magazines found in the library or at garage sales. Did we really listen to that?



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Times Change

Let your children know more about you and your life experiences by sharing old yearbooks, music records and photo albums. Talk with them about the trends that were important to you as you were growing up. Are they still important?