

## **Teacher Guide – Youth Module 6**

## Mindfulness

**Overview for Teachers:** In this module, students will learn all about mindfulness – what it is, why it's important, and how to practice it. Students will be guided in practicing multiple mindfulness techniques. Mindfulness has been demonstrated to improve focus, strengthen self-control, reduce stress, and improve emotion regulation. Students and teachers can benefit from a consistent mindfulness practice in their classrooms.

**Introduction for Students:** Today's lesson is all about mindfulness. You will learn what mindfulness means, how to practice it, and why it matters. You'll practice three different mindfulness techniques. Please watch these videos and complete the following worksheets.

| Videos and Worksheets                        |   |
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| Videos                                       | Worksheets  |
| Mindfulness Part 1: Introduction and Observe | <ul> <li>Introduction to Mindfulness Handout</li> <li>Mindfulness Exercises Part 1 Handout</li> </ul> |
| Mindfulness Part 2: Describe and Participate | <ul> <li>Mindfulness Exercises Part 2 Handout</li> <li>Make Your Own Mindfulness Jar</li> </ul>       |

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