

# CHARACTER COUNTS! Day at the Ballpark

## Knock Character Out of the Park

### Purpose:

Students will discuss opportunities to *knock character out of the park*.

### Objectives:

- Review a video of good sportsmanship and discuss why sportsmanship is so important in sports.
- Discuss what each pillar looks and sounds like at a sports-related event.
- Discuss examples of good character by teammates, coaches, and fans.

### Anticipatory Set:

- What does it mean to demonstrate good sportsmanship?
- Why is sportsmanship important in sports?

### Instructions:

- Watch [video](#) about good sportsmanship.
- Discuss how the video *knocked the Six Pillars of Character® out of the park*.
  - ◇ Trustworthiness: How did the teams, players, and coaches show they were trustworthy?
  - ◇ Respect: How did the teams, players, and coaches show respect?
  - ◇ Responsibility: How did teams, players, and coaches show responsibility?
  - ◇ Fairness: How did the teams, players, and coaches show they were being fair?
  - ◇ Caring: How did the teams, players, and coaches show they cared for each other?
  - ◇ Citizenship: How did these teams model good citizenship?

### Conclusion:

- Remember this video and the ways the teams modeled the Six Pillars of Character when we go to the ballpark.
- Brainstorm: what is something you can do as a spectator or fan to knock character out of the park?

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