

I Wish You Knew
Activity Sheet
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1. How one question can change everything.

- Read aloud *I WISH YOU KNEW*.
- Ask students to please finish the sentence—*"I Wish My Teacher Knew..."*
- Explain they don't have to answer, and their answers are private and will only be read by you unless they choose to share with the class. Or you can read aloud & keep name anonymous.
- Give them a few minutes to respond.
- Would anyone like to share?

2. Why do you think I'm asking you to finish this sentence?

- I want to make a connection with you
- I hope you share something that you feel needs to change
- It's safe to share
- I'm listening
- I care
- I understand
- Create meaningful relationships

3. So how can we help our students?

- Educators, caregivers, administrators, community leaders are at the front lines of this crisis.
- A sharing circle is one of the strategies that offers students the opportunity to share with each other what's going on in their lives, and give classmates an opportunity to express empathy, encouragement, and participate in problem solving.
- Prompt conversation and dialogue with kindness and respect for each other.
- Help Ss who are struggling with these issues see themselves in stories and not feel alone.

I hope that *I Wish You Knew* has inspired you and I look forward to hearing how you are creating a community of meaningful relationships in your classrooms.