Learning Objective: To teach children to understand the value of sharing with others

Skill: Empathy, social interaction

Ask the group to brainstorm about sharing. Do they think sharing can be difficult? If so, why? Might the outcome of any situation be better if they share? Why?

Tell the children:

Learning to share is hard for a lot of children, because it means giving something up. But it also means being generous and thinking about the needs of others. When you share, you feel good because you are being nice to someone else. When someone shares with you, you feel good because they are being considerate to you.

Present the following examples to the group, one at a time. After each, ask the children whether it would be easy or hard for them to share in the situation. Encourage them to talk about what they would do, and why.

- The whole group is reading a book, and there aren't enough copies to go around.
- There's only one brownie left on the plate.
- Three people are sitting on a sofa, and the fourth person has nowhere to sit.

Ask the group to think of other examples when sharing is necessary.