**Respecting Others (Grade 12)**

Learning Target: I can construct good, meaningful apologies from different situations.

**Activity I: Apologizing**

* Work as a large group, work in small groups, or work in pairs.
* For each of the following scenarios, discuss what is wrong with the apology presented.
* Role-play (or discuss) ways to improve on the apology.
* Role-play (or discuss) how the other person might respond to the improved apology.

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You borrowed your friend’s favorite DVD, and accidentally scratched it. You say, “Sorry about the DVD. I’d buy you a new one, but I’m broke”

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A close friend told you a secret. You shared that secret with another friend, who spread it around the whole school. You say, “Sorry, but you shouldn’t have told me if you didn’t want me to tell anyone”

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An old friend starts acting hurt and a little jealous when you start spending a lot of time with a new friend. You say, “What, can’t I have other friends?”

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You haven’t been doing your chores, and it’s been difficult on your mom. You say, “Sorry I didn’t do the dishes. I was tired, too”

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You had an argument with your sister, and you said some things that hurt her. You say, “I’m sorry I hurt you, but sometimes, you hurt me too.”

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You encouraged your friend to break up with his girlfriend, and now, he’s avoiding you. You say, “Hey, I was only looking out for you.”

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You made a nasty remark about a guy’s haircut, and now, he wants to fight you. You say, “I didn’t mean it like that. Can’t you take a joke?”

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Last minute, you canceled plans to get together with a friend. You say, “I’m sorry, but something important came up.”

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You spent time making fun of a fellow student, and a year later, you feel bad about it. You say, “Sorry, I was such a jerk last year.”

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You did a lousy job on your portion of a group project. You say, “I’m sorry, I had other homework I needed to do.”

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You were supposed to give a friend a ride to work, but on the way, you stop to pick up another friend, causing the first friend to be late to work. You say, “Sorry, but you should have told your employer that you didn’t have a car this week.”

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You and your friend are guilty of spreading rumors about another person. When the person you have spread rumors about confronts you, you say, “Sorry, I thought I heard that somewhere.”

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A classmate finds out that someone got an F on a test. He starts to make fun of the person’s intelligence. You sit back and say nothing. After class, you say, “Sorry, but no one listens to that guy anyways.”

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