

# Youth Activity: Love remembers

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- “Remember” poem by Joy Harjo;  
Note: For copyright reasons, the poem is not printed here. You can find the poem at <https://poets.org/poem/remember-0>
- ball of yarn;
- rubber ball or balloon (optional)

One Great Hour of Sharing works with partners around the world to help those who are suffering. With our offerings, One Great Hour of Sharing helps rebuild communities affected by disaster and creates opportunities that empower communities around the world to thrive. These kinds of responses point us toward better and more sustainable stewardship of the earth and our resources.

As we think about rebuilding homes after hurricanes and how we support these families with our One Great Hour of Sharing offerings, we also consider that we are connected to one another—and to all the world through the intricate web of creation.

United States Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, has written a beautiful poem called “Remember.” Her words and images invite us to remember those connections.

## REFLECT

If you are in a group setting, read the poem and break it into phrases which can be discussed in small groups. Groups could share remembrances in groups of two or three and then create new groups to discuss another set of phrases. Sharing could include family stories, stories about time spent outdoors, stories about interacting with people who are unlike them in some way. Allow the poem to lead the discussions. You may want to conclude with some all-group questions like:

- How does remembering our own stories help us connect with each other?
- How does the One Great Hour of Sharing offering help us remember our connections with others around the world, even those we may never meet?

## MAKE A WEB

Gather your group into a circle. Have one person hold a ball of yarn and say: “Love is connection. Love is \_\_\_\_.” While holding onto the end of the yarn, they will toss the ball to someone else who fills in the blank. Then that person says, “love is connection. Love is \_\_\_\_,” holds a piece of the yarn and tosses the ball to another person across the circle. Continue until everyone has received the ball twice, and the yarn makes a web of connections.

Once the web is complete, spend some time reflecting on the connections that bind us together—even the ones that we can’t see!

If there’s time, you may want to take a ball or balloon and bounce it around, using the web to catch it then toss it again. Note how this web provides support when the connections hold.

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