

Example Builds for 2nd-3rd Grades: Think About

Building Challenge:

Build a model that shows a decision you made today or this week.

Build:



Note:

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Reflection:

I had to make a decision about selling some things at a garage sale. It can be very hard to make a decision about what to keep and what to get rid of. In my model there are some of the things that I have decided to sell: an old phone, a hat that doesn't fit me anymore, and some toys that I have outgrown. I decided to sell these things so I could have money to buy new things for someone my age.

Facilitating Questions:

- If you could pick one item in your model to keep, what would it be and why? How would wanting to keep it make your decision harder?
- What element do you think someone else would most want to buy at your garage sale? Would this affect your decision to sell this item?
- If you could add someone else to your model to represent someone who would be shopping at the garage sale, who would you add? Where would they go in your model?

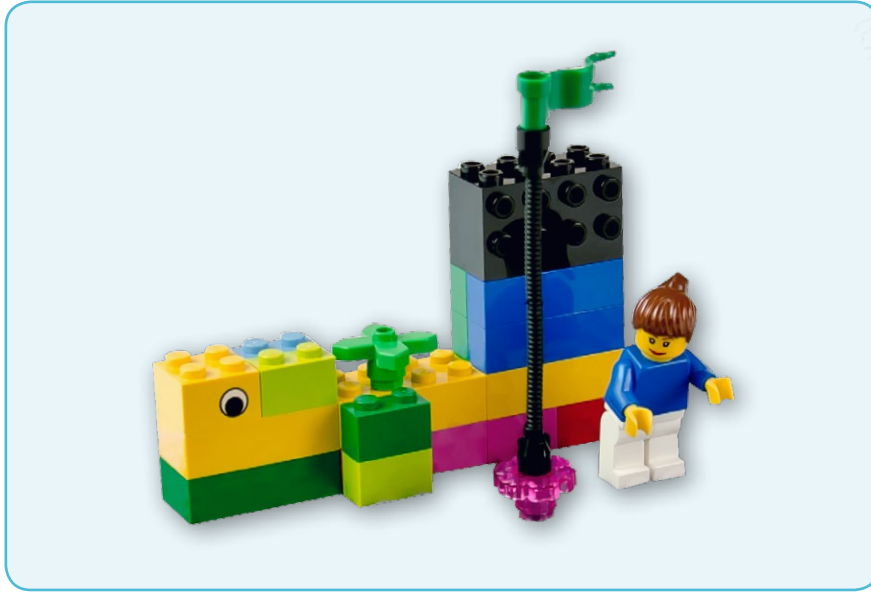
Add Your Own Questions:

Example Builds for 2nd-3rd Grades: Remember

Building Challenge:

Build a model that shows how you felt after you made the decision.

Build:



Reflection:

Making this decision made me feel happy and peaceful. I showed this by making a model of myself standing in a garden. I am standing beside a tree and a flower and in front of a high stone wall.

Facilitating Questions:

- Was there any part of making this decision that didn't make you happy? What could you add or change on your model to show this?
- If you put another person in the garden with you, who would it be and why? Do they share in your happiness?
- Which part of the model represents you?
- Why are you standing beside a tree? Why does being there make you happy?

Add Your Own Questions:



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Example Builds for 2nd-3rd Grades: Imagine

Building Challenge:

Build a model that shows what you might do or say differently the next time.

Build:



Reflection:

The next time I have to make a decision like this, I will take more time to organize my things before I select the ones that I want to get rid of. I would organize the items by type and size to make it easier to decide what I should keep. Organization is important when making decisions.

Facilitating Questions:

- I noticed that there are some smaller elements inside of the blue sphere. What do they represent for you?
- How have you organized the items that you are sorting?
- I noticed that your model is kept in one corner of the build plate. Why did you decide to keep it all together instead of spreading it out?

Add Your Own Questions:



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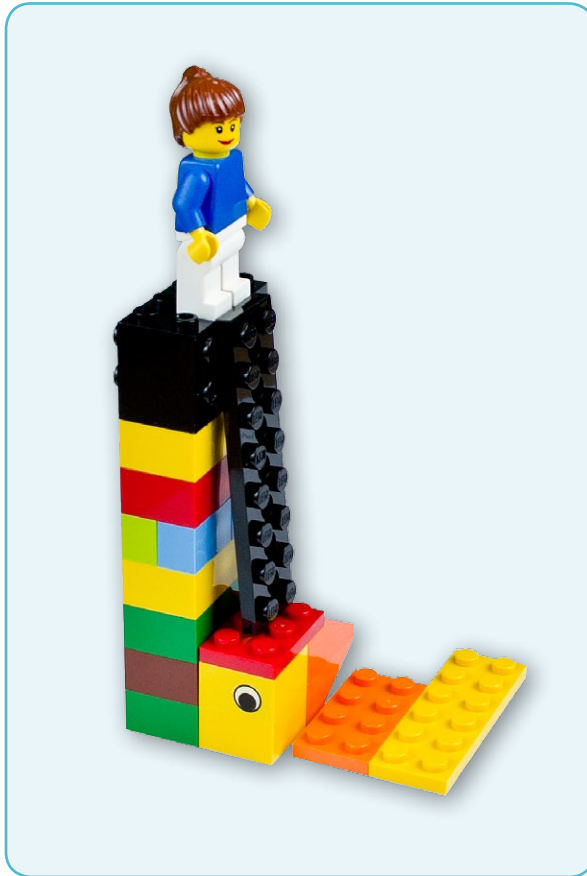
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Example Builds for 2nd-3rd Grades: Conclude

Building Challenge:

Build a model that shows what you need to think about in order to make “good” decisions.

Build:



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Reflection:

This is a model of me trying to make a good decision. I am standing on top of a big hill, so I can see all of the different choices all around me. I am being careful to not jump off the hill or fall down. I would also ask my mother and other people I trust for their thoughts and ideas before I make a big decision.

Facilitating Questions:

- If you could add another element to your model, what would it be and what would it represent?
- If you could add another “person” to your model, who would you add and what would you use to represent them? How does this person make it easier to decide?
- If someone were looking at your model, what lessons about making decisions would you want them to learn?

Add Your Own Questions:
