

# 4 Sharing Through Symbols



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How do symbols help us share ideas and feelings with others in an inclusive way?

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In this project, students explored how people use symbols to communicate ideas, feelings, and values in different contexts. Through inquiry, research, and hands-on activities, the girls learned about different symbol systems such as Sign Language, Braille, mathematical symbols, musical notation, city signs, art, and Catholic symbols.

Throughout the learning process, students discovered that symbols allow people to communicate even without words and help create a more inclusive society. Working collaboratively in groups, they developed important skills such as teamwork, empathy, creativity, communication, and critical thinking.

Each group researched a specific type of symbols and created a final project, such as a mural, model, performance, or presentation, to demonstrate their understanding. These projects highlighted the importance of sharing and the ways symbols help people connect with one another.

This learning experience encouraged students to value respect, inclusion, and generosity, inspired by the example of Jesus.

### Teacher's reflection

Throughout this project, students are showing great curiosity and enthusiasm while exploring different ways people communicate through symbols. They have been highly engaged during the inquiry process and have demonstrated empathy when learning about communication systems used by people with special needs, such as Braille and Sign Language.

The collaborative activities helped students strengthen their teamwork and communication skills. Many students will become more confident when presenting ideas in English and expressing their understanding creatively through models, posters, performances, and presentations.

The project also allows students to connect learning with real-life situations and reflect on the importance of inclusion, respect, and kindness in our community.

### Student's voices

"I learned that symbols can help people communicate without speaking."

"Braille and Sign Language are important because they help everyone feel included."

"I liked working with my group and creating our project together."

"Symbols are everywhere, and they help us understand messages quickly."

"I learned that sharing ideas with others can help us connect and understand different people."

**This project helped students understand that symbols are powerful tools for communication, inclusion, and connection. Through research, creativity, and collaboration, they discovered how symbols can communicate many things beyond words. Most importantly, the project encouraged students to practice empathy, respect, and kindness, inspiring them to build a more inclusive community where everyone can be understood and valued.**