

**Setup**

**Directions:** Build trust and model authenticity by sharing meaningful aspects of your life, creating a foundation for positive classroom relationships.

○ Teacher Introduction

- Welcome to (insert your class name)! I'm (teacher name), and I'm excited to learn and grow with you this year. I want to tell you a little about myself, just like I'll learn about you throughout the year.

○ Explain the Activity

- To help you get to know me, I'll share three experiences I've had, two places I've visited or want to visit, and one fun or surprising fact about me. For example, "I once played in a band, I've been to Yellowstone, and I can juggle three oranges!"

○ Student Feedback

- "After I share, you can ask me one or two questions. Then, I'll ask you to do the same activity later."

**Activity**

○ Teacher's 3-2-1 Share

- Share three meaningful experiences.
- Share two places visited or places of interest.
- Share one fun or unexpected fact about yourself.

○ Explain Why You Became a Teacher

- Tell students the story behind why you chose education.
- Example: "I became a teacher because I love helping others succeed. Seeing my students grow is the best part of my day."

○ Share an Ongoing Passion or Hobby

- Model lifelong learning by sharing a book you're reading, a skill you're practicing, or a personal goal.
- Example: "Right now, I'm learning how to bake homemade bread!"

○ Invite Student Interaction

- Encourage students to ask follow-up questions about your story.
- Allow volunteers to share one fun fact about themselves.

**Closing**

- Encourage students to share their 3-2-1 as part of a class discussion later in the week.
- Revisit personal stories throughout the year to strengthen connections.
- Tie students' interests into lessons whenever possible to reinforce engagement.