

Activity 7.7

Going to Your Happy Place/30-Second Vacation

Objective:

• Develop the ability to take a brief mental break during a stressful situation.

Steps:

- 1. Give the participants paper and writing utensils and direct them to draw their happy place.
- 2. Have participants share why this is their happy place. Discuss whether there are any commonalities in the different happy places shared.
- 3. Discuss:
 - In a stressful situation (i.e. taking a test), taking a brief moment to go to that happy place can put one in a better mind frame to work through it.
 - How could this be helpful in their work with students?