



## **Etiquette Lesson Plan**

Introduction: Say Sabaidee to each student and ask them to reply and say their name. Ask in Lao and see how many people will respond? If you don't get a respond, translate it. Help the kids along. Tell them they will be learning Lao etiquette and ask if they know what that means.

Warm up: Ask the students to tell you the examples of Lao etiquette that they know. When they list it, ask them when do they do this and why do they do this and see what the responses are. Once they are out of ideas, have them turn to the etiquette section of their folder. Go through all of the "social etiquette"

Ask them, do you think that we have different etiquettes at the temples and around monks? How so? Have students to volunteer and explain what they know. Ask why do we do certain thing. Explain to the students that Lao culture is rooted in Animists (believing that all things have spirits) and Buddhism so Buddhism and animism in not only a religion for Lao people, but it is also a way of life. Have the students go back to the book once more and go over the temple etiquette with them and read each number and stop and ask to see if anyone has any questions. Once done, ask if anyone has been to the temple. Ask if any one has giving alms and yad nam? Ask what do they think about the temple and how do they feel about it.

Ask the students if they have ever been to a Baci Ceremony? Ask what happens in a Baci Ceremony? Why do they tie strings? Why do they have the pakwan, what is a kwan? Have a discussion of what they think and know. Once you finish the discussion, give the students about 10 minutes to read over the article. Read it outloud to the green group. Once everyone has finished reading, ask them again, what is a Baci Ceremony? What is a Kwan? What is Pha Kwan. Make sure they really understand the three questions. Ask them to give you examples of when you would have a baci ceremony and why would you have it? Tell the kids that we will have a Baci ceremony at the close of camp. Ask them why do you think we are having one based on what we just discussed and learned?

Closing: Ask them to name some social etiquette, temple etiquette, explain what a baci ceremony is. Ask them to “nope” and say Kop jai koo.

If you have time left over, have them jot down any questions that they may have about Lao culture that they would like to learn about and then have them share and try to answer the questions together as a group lead by you.