

## Ojos de Dios / God's Eyes /Tsikuri / Sikuli

**Setting the context:** Ojos De Dios – God's Eyes are commonly found in Mexican, Peruvian and Latin American communities, among both Indigenous and Catholic societies.

Ojo de Dios expresses a prayer that the "Eye of God" will watch over the individual or the person that it is made for. It is a physical representation of praying for health, fortune, and a long life.

Some Catholics interpret the symbol to be a prayer for "May God be with you and protect you."



### Objectives:

To CONNECT with each other through compassion, peace and hope for the future

To reflect on connections of hopes, calmness, protection, security

To find out where there are overlaps, to help with multifaith understanding and to start interfaith dialogue



**Items needed:** Two sticks or twigs, lollipop sticks, cocktail sticks, kebab sticks; from 8cms long to 20cms.

- String or knitting yarns, ribbon, tape. A variety results in more creativity.
- Pairs of scissors

A line & clothes pegs or hooks for display

**Time needed:** 20 minutes – 1 hour depending on conversations and complexity of weave

### Preparation:

Lay out items needed with at least one example to pick up and look at.

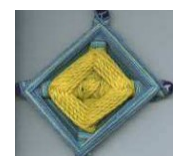
### Activity details:

1. Choose your first yarn and knot it round one of your two sticks. Lay the two sticks in a cross shape and wind the yarn round the middle first from top right to bottom left several times, then from top left to bottom right. This covers the centre on both sides.

2. Make the first circuit, by weaving the yarn once round (i.e. under and over) each stick in turn. Lay each weave next to the last rather than over it. To give a raised effect, outlining the shape of your sticks on the side you are working on, but a smooth appearance on the other side.

3. Turn the weaving over and continue exactly the same, the raised weaving will be on the other side, making interesting effects

4. Change colour by knotting a new colour/ texture yarn to the end of the old one. Tuck the ends into your weaves. Stop about 2 cm from the stick ends. Choose the stick you want as a handle, wind the yarn down it to its end, and tie off



### Suggested themes for conversation starters:

Superstition, traditions and beliefs, feeling safe and secure, children and families.

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