

**Topic: Beautiful Places**

**Let's get started . . .** When you were little, where was your favorite place to go? Why did you like that place?

**Story:** Once there were two brothers. They each had a favorite place. Younger Brother loved the ocean. Younger Brother ran on the shore and played in the water. He swam in the waves and laughed each time a wave crashed. He tasted the salt in the water. He turned his face to the sun and felt the heat. Younger Brother said, "My favorite beautiful place is the ocean." But, Elder Brother loved the mountains. He climbed many miles to a very high place. The air was thin and cool. He looked down on many smaller mountains and waterfalls.

But no sound came to him. He was higher than the waterfalls and higher than the eagles flying below him. He sat on a rock for a long time and thought about many things. Elder Brother said, "My favorite beautiful place is the mountains." Do you prefer the ocean or the mountains?



**In pairs for 10 minutes, talk about this:**

Imagine you can go to any place in the world tomorrow. Money is no problem. Childcare is no problem. Where will you go? Why?

**Share your partner's answers with the group.**



Draw a picture of a place that is beautiful. What do you like about it?



**Discussion Questions - talk in pairs or small groups:**

A beautiful place gives pleasure, meaning or satisfaction. What do our 5 senses show us about a beautiful place? What do you hear, smell, see, taste or touch?

Tell us about an experience (when, where, why, who, how, what) in a beautiful place where

... there were few people

... there were many people

... you walked or climbed to get there

... you traveled a long time to get there

... there were wild animals

... night is best



Describe a beautiful place that you know or saw. . . .

in your native country

in the U.S.

in Washington state

in your city

in your neighborhood

in your house

in a book

in a movie

in a dream



Sometimes we go to a beautiful place and want to feel good, but we don't feel good. Why does that happen? Has that happened to you? Tell about your experience.

We might feel happy or sad, peaceful or excited in a beautiful place. Describe how you felt in one of the beautiful places. Did something sad or happy happen? Explain.

**New vocabulary:** beautiful, ocean, waves, crashed, laughed, tasted, turned, heat, air, eagles, pleasure, meaning, satisfaction, senses

**Keep talking about it this week:** Tell one person about a beautiful place. Write down their response and be ready to share with the group at the next Talk Time.

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