Title: Show and Tell
Recommended for: 3-5 Year Olds

Objectives:
Children
• Cooperation
• Follows directions
Adults
• Positive mood
• Creativity

Materials Needed:
• Meaningful personal objects (or photos of them) brought by children and adults
• One large chair

Methods:
Facilitator Preparation
1. Set up a group area with one large chair.

Intergenerational Participants
1. Introduction—pair each elder with a child and sing the hello song
2. Have the IG pairs sit in a circle.
3. Taking turns, have each member of the pair share their personal object and what it means to them. They may include a story if they would like.
4. Have the IG pairs take turn sharing their partners personal object to the group.
   a. Option: If the individual feels comfortable passing their possession around the circle for others to see, they can.
5. Allow other participants to comment and ask questions when someone is sharing.
6. Sing the goodbye song together.

Special Considerations
• Make sure the elders and children respect the fragility or value of the items brought it.
• Adults can remain in a chair in the circle if they are not able to sit on the floor.
• Encourage elders to bring something unique (not commonly seen today) to present to the group.
• Consider asking parents and caregivers to provide some notes on the item if the child or elder is bashful, hard to understand, or cannot explain the significance of the item clearly. Staff should have these on hand.

Getting To Know You
• Encourage the group to ask questions to the person sharing their possession.
• Have the individual sharing explain why this item is important and what it is used for.

Encouraging Interaction
• “_______ could you ask _________ why they decided to bring this item in?”
• Have the IG group share similarities and differences between their possessions.

Extension Opportunities
• Family story time -- each individual can sit in the chair and share a meaningful story from their life. Photos and items can enhance the storytelling.
• Use photos taken during IG activities and have participants create a collage and tell a story about the photos.