

## Clap On Three

**Materials:** None

As a closing, everyone counts to three together and then claps on three. This is short and unifying.

**Variations/Extensions:** Instead of counting audibly, everyone tries to clap at the same moment.

## Melodrama

**Materials:** Kleenex for each student

Each student has a Kleenex. Fold it to look like a bowtie. Each time the “Woman” speaks, students hold Kleenex in their hair like a bow and speak in a high, squeaky voice. Each time the “Bad Guy” speaks, students hold Kleenex like a moustache and speak in a low, gravelly voice. When the hero speaks, students hold the Kleenex at their throat like a bowtie and speak in a hero voice.

Woman: *“I can’t pay the rent.”*

Bad Guy: *“You must pay the rent.”*

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Hero: *“I’ll pay the rent.”*

Woman: *“My hero.”*

Bad Guy: *“Curses. Foiled again!”*

Thinking about today (last week, etc.), when did you feel like one of these characters in the melodrama? Speak in that voice and share your insights about the week so far. Examples:

Woman voice: *“I can’t figure out my homework.”*

Hero voice: *“I helped a friend today.”*

Bad Guy voice: *“I don’t want to clean my locker.”*

## Simultaneous Clap

Materials: None

As a closing, holding hands at the ready, everyone tries to clap at the same moment. This takes some practice and requires students to pay very close attention to each other.

## Closing: Wishes

Materials: None

As a closing everyone whispers a wish into his or her hand. Once everyone has whispered, count to three and release them together. This is a fun way to finish off the week.

Variations/Extensions: This activity could also be used for a sharing by having each student in the circle share their wish.