This activity is the start of a lesson on why museums often ask you not to touch items on display.



**Activity 1: ‘Five, Six, Pick Up Sticks”**

This activity requires:

* A small stick.
* Glue or Tape

It can be a stick found outside, a popsicle stick from the kitchen or anything similar that an adult will allow you to break.

1. Take the stick and break it in half.

2. Now try to put it back together.

You can use tape, glue or anything else to make it look as it did before it was broken in half.

How easy was it to put the stick together again?

Is it as strong as before you broke it in two?

two?

If something breaks will it ever be the same again?

[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Joshua Crosby, “Untitled,” 05, August 2017, *Pexels, accessed November 7, 2020, https://www.pexels.com/photo/dark-sticks-tree-581224* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)