**Making Connections – Story Time**

This is a story told by two people. One person starts by writing a few lines of the story and then passes it to the other person in the visiting area or through the mail. The other person adds a few sentences and sends it back to the first person. Keep on passing the story back and forth to each other until someone writes “The End”. You can do this with a young child or a teen!

Stories are an important tool. A story can be a chance to have some fun and let each person be in charge in an equal way, building a relationship. Or they can be serious, a chance to explain why you made a certain choice, how you might want things to change, etc. all wrapped in different characters. They can express emotion, motivation, challenges, and foster understanding and openness. The idea is to develop your own personal story together. Here are two ideas; you can write on the back of this sheet to start your own!

There was a family of lion cubs. There was a Mommy cub and a Daddy cub and three little cubs, two boy cubs and a girl cub. They all lived together which was good. One day the Daddy lion did not come home. He was taken away to a different place and no matter how much he loved his little cubs he couldn’t come home. The younger boy cub tells everyone...