Mesquite United

Embrace Diversity

Henrie House Lesson #3

Review what the word “diversity” means and share that today we are going to talk about “disabilities”. Share with students that a disability is something that makes walking, talking, hearing, seeing, or touching more difficult for some people. Many people with disabilities live in your town, go to your church, and go to your school. Some examples of disabilities include:

* a grandmother who wears glasses
* a father who cannot see
* a boy who cannot hear
* an adult who walks with crutches or a cane

A person with a disability is not a bad person and their disability is not contagious. (You may have to clarify understanding of the word contagious for the littles). You may give them a minute to share people they know who have a disability and what tasks are difficult for them to do. You may also want to let them share something that person is also really GOOD at. For example, if they say my grandmother because she wears glasses, but something she is really good at is that she is a great cook!

An option to teach- Use the book “We are All Wonders” by R. J. Paacio. There is a copy in the library by the Embracing Diversity section or here is a link to a read aloud. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8j8qaTIN38>

Some conversation pieces you can have

"Can you always tell if a person has a physical disability?" "Is it always obvious?” Today we are going to read a story about a boy and disabilities called, “We are All Wonders” For upper grades you may want to share that it is by the same author as the book “Wonder”, but just a shorter picture book we are using for this week. Attached to the email is also a tag that you can print for your class. Have students write in something that makes them unique and post them up.