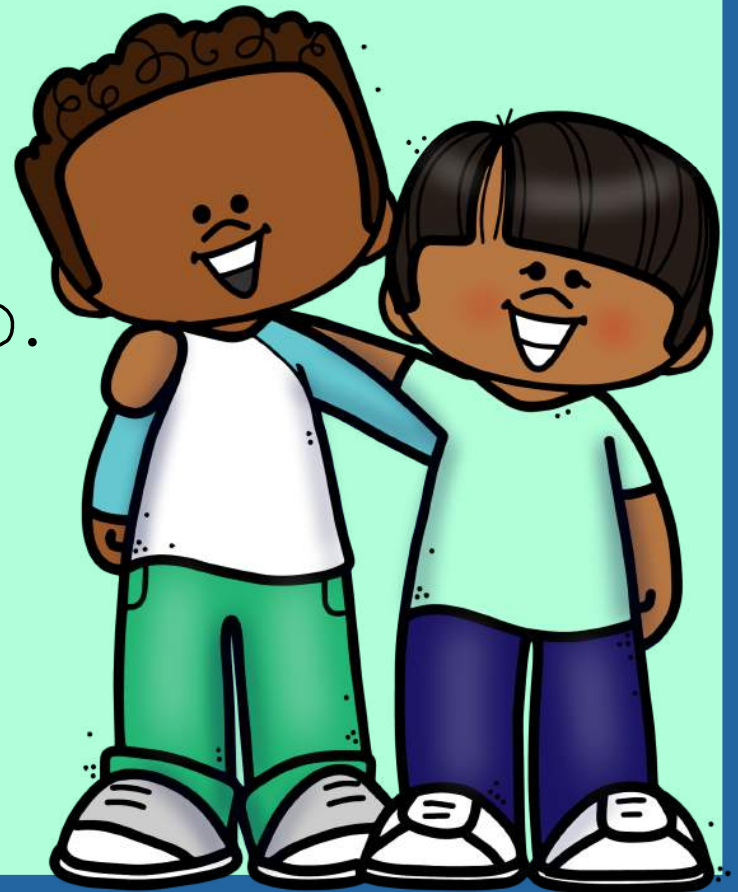


Use this no-prep lesson to help your students celebrate the beauty of diversity and understand why it's important.

This lesson is designed for students in grades K-2, and is just print-and-go.

It's great for small groups and classroom lessons focused on inclusion and diversity.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

This lesson includes:

- Scripted lesson plan with discussion questions, directions for a whole group activity, and accompanying craft.
- Craft template
- Bulletin board header

DIVERSITY LESSON PLAN

Opening Discussion:

- Today, we're going to be talking about the things that make us special and unique, and why that's a good thing!
- When you think about our class, our school and our world, you might notice that no two people are exactly the same. We all have things that make us different than the people around us. We also have things that make us the same as the people around us.
 - Take time to process yourself to another adult that the students know (the principal, a classroom teacher, a parent, or a grandparent).
- Even though we are different, we have things in common with each other. We can be better if we work together. We can help each other. We can make our world a better place.
 - Give each student a piece of paper and a piece of crayon.
 - Then, tell students to write down one thing that they have in common with someone else in the class.
- What do you notice about the things that make us different?
- Now, let's use all of our crayons to make a picture that shows how we are all different and how we are all the same.
 - For each student, give them a piece of paper and a piece of crayon.
 - If you are working in groups, give each group a piece of paper and a piece of crayon.
- What do you notice about the things that make us different?
- When we were able to work together, we were able to make our world a better place.
- This is just like us - we are all different and we are all the same.

Activity: Crayon Craft

- To help us celebrate our diversity, we are going to make a craft.
- Give each student a piece of paper and a piece of crayon.
- If time permits, have students work in groups to make their craft.
- After a student has finished their craft, have them show it to the class.

Closing Discussion

- Do our crayons look like the things that make us different?
- What would our class be like if we were all the same?
- What can you tell us about the things that make us different?
- What is one thing you learned today?

ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors:

- M.3. Positive attitude toward work and learning
- M.4. Self-confidence in ability to succeed
 - B-SMS 5. Perseverance to achieve long and short-term goals

This lesson covers the CASEL competency of self-management.

Objectives:

- Students will understand why perseverance is important.
- Students will learn strategies they can use when they feel like giving up.

Materials Needed:

- Writing & coloring materials for each student

What's Included:

- P. 4-5: Scripted lesson plan
- P. 6: "I Can Do Hard Things!" Worksheet
- P. 7: Perseverance Strategies Bookmarks/Bracelets
- P. 8: Perseverance Strategies Visual Aid (Color)
- P. 9: Perseverance Strategies Visual Aid (BW)

How To Use This Lesson Plan:

- The scripted lesson is broken down into different sections.
- The bullet points closest to the left side can be read directly by the instructor. The bullet points that are further indented are directions for the instructors and do not need to be read aloud.
- Procedure:
 - Open the lesson with the "Opening discussion."
 - Students will complete the worksheet from page 3, and then discuss the prompts on page 4 with a partner.
 - The class/group will discuss the perseverance strategies from page 6.
 - Students will color the bookmarks/bracelets from page 7.

Book Recommendations For This Lesson:

- [The Power Of Yet](#) by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- [I Can Do Hard Things](#) by Gabi Garcia
- [How To Catch A Star](#) by Oliver Jeffers

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WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN:

In this lesson, students will reflect on why being different and unique is a good thing!

Students will identify things about themselves that make them special. They will also celebrate the things that make others unique.

Our Differences Make The World Beautiful!

Directions:

- In the top part of the crayon, draw a picture of your face.
- Write your name.
- Write or draw about what you're good at.
- Write or draw about what you enjoy doing.
- Write one work to describe yourself.
- Color the bottom of the crayon your favorite color.

Ms: _____

My name: _____

What I'm good at: _____

What I enjoy doing: _____

One word to describe me: _____