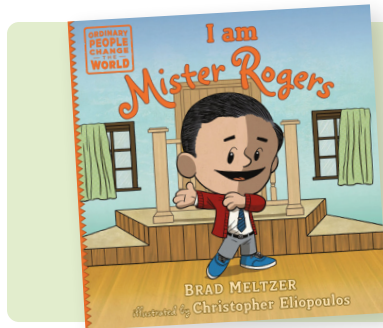


## Pre/Post Activities

Use these activities to accompany the author's reading on RallytoRead.org.



*I Am Mister Rogers, the 32<sup>nd</sup> hero in the New York Times bestselling Ordinary People Change the World series*

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*Illustrator:* Christopher Eliopoulos

*Grades:* K–3

### Pre-Reading Activity

Inform students that you will listen to a true story about Mr. Rogers, a man who changed the world through his kindness.

Ask your students, “What does it mean to be kind?” and “Why should we be kind to ourselves and others?” (Optional: Think, Pair, Share).

Have students share their ideas with the class. Remind your students that it is important to be kind because everyone is valuable, everyone deserves to feel cared for, and that we may never know how others are feeling.

Instruct students to draw a picture or briefly write about a time when they felt upset.

### Post-Reading Activity

To your class, read the quotes listed below which are taken from the story. Have your students repeat them back to you one by one as a reminder that everyone is important. (Optional: repeat these affirmations daily with your class).

1. “I am a very special person.”
2. “There is no person in the whole world like me and I like me just the way I am.”
3. “There has never been anyone like me before and there never will be again.”
4. “I’ve made this day a special day by just being me.”

In response to the scenario students wrote in the Pre-Reading Activity, ask the class to write how they would have wanted a friend or family member to respond and show kindness when they were upset. Ask for volunteers to share what they wrote.

Explain to students that this serves as a reminder to treat others how we want to be treated and that we must also be kind to ourselves.