

Bein' with You This Way

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

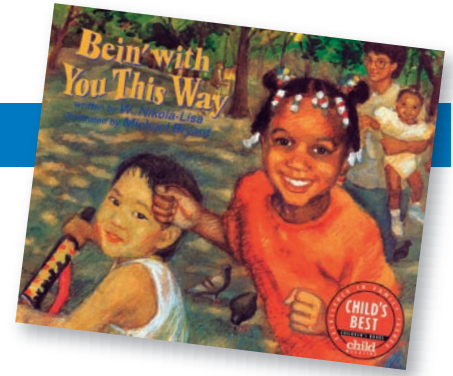
Themes: Individuality, Cooperation, Sharing, Friendship

Grade Level: Pre-K to 2nd grade

Book Brief: Celebrate our differences and similarities through a playground rap.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask for some volunteers to come up and discuss their similarities and differences. Talk about how we are all different in many ways but still the same in others.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

SIMON SAYS THE OPPOSITE! (AGES 5-12)

Play this game like the regular version of Simon Says, except do the opposite of what Simon says. For example, if Simon says clap loud, you clap soft. If Simon says run fast, run slow. If Simon says touch your head, touch your toes. If Simon says turn to the right, turn to the left. See how many opposites you can come up with!

INKBLOT ART (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, paint, paintbrushes

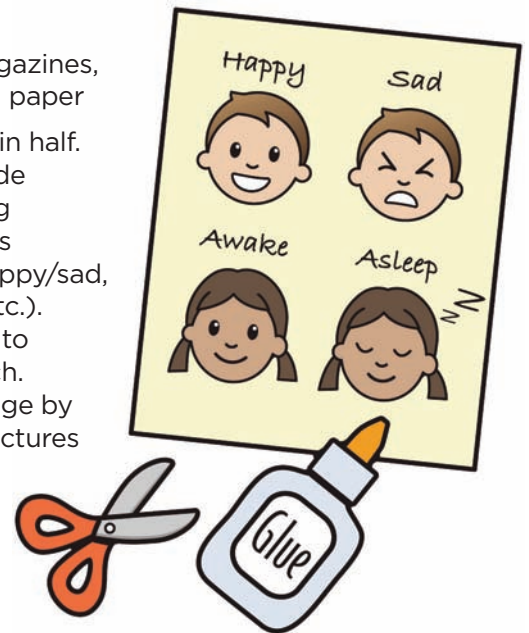
Create imaginative opposite inkblot pictures. Fold paper in half. Have kids paint a design or picture on exposed half. When finished, fold paper back over and press lightly to transfer painting. Peel apart slowly.



OPPOSITES COLLAGE (AGES 8-12)

Materials: magazines, glue, scissors, paper

Divide paper in half. Label each side with opposing characteristics (tall/short, happy/sad, fun/boring, etc.). Find pictures to represent each. Create a collage by cutting out pictures and gluing them to the paper.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

America: A Book of Opposites (2001), *Summer Sun Risin'* (2005), *How We Are Smart* (2009), *My Teacher Can Teach...Anyone!* (2008).

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