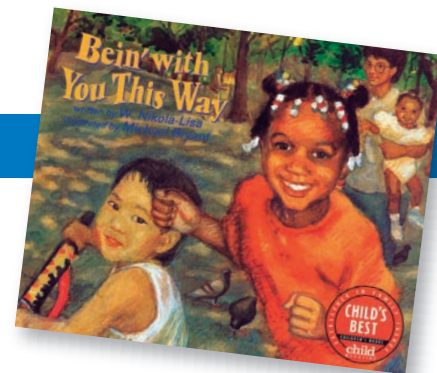


Bein' with You This Way



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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, build background: What does *opposite* mean? Find some examples of opposites around the house.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How were the kids different?
- ◆ How were they the same?
- ◆ Where do you think this story takes place?
- ◆ What types of games did you notice the people playing?
- ◆ Which game in the story would you like to be a part of?

While reading, follow the beat: Try reading with the rhythm of the rap. Encourage your child to make the sounds in the story, like mm-mmm and ah-ha. Point out the differences between the children in the story.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

INKBLOT ART

Materials: paper, paint, paintbrushes

Fold paper in half. Paint any type of design on exposed half. Fold paper back over so paint is transferred to opposite side. Peel apart and see your creation. Like the children in the story, your picture shows an opposite but it is still the same.

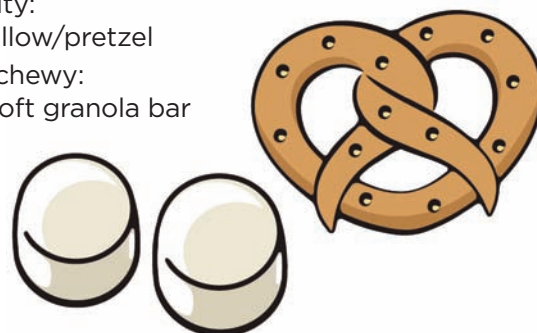
OUT AND ABOUT

Invite some friends over for a game of Simon Says the Opposite! It's Simon Says with a twist. If Simon says run fast, you run slow. If Simon says jump high, you jump low. If Simon says clap soft, you clap loud. Try to see how many of you can follow the opposite directions!

OPPOSITE SNACK SURVEY

Try taste testing some opposite snacks. Which does your child prefer?

- ◆ sweet/sour: red apple/green apple
- ◆ hard/soft: cube cheese/cheese spread
- ◆ sweet/salty:
marshmallow/pretzel
- ◆ crunchy/chewy:
cracker/soft granola bar



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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