

It's Okay to Be Different

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- This book focuses on individuality and the acceptance of people being different. Are we all exactly the same? Is that okay? We are going to read about ways that we can be different. It's okay to be different.



- What are some ways the people in the book were different?
- What are some ways they were alike?
- What makes you different from your friends?
- What you like/dislike about your friends being different?
- Do you know anyone who is like the characters in the book?
- Which, if any, of these characters is like you?

1. THINK OF YOUR FRIENDS...

- a. Who wears glasses?
- b. Who has no hair?
- c. Who has braces on their teeth?
- d. Who has big ears?
- e. Do any of these differences make us better than anyone else?

2. Write about something that makes you different or special. What is unique about you?

3. Draw a self-portrait illustrating what makes you different or special. Under the picture, write "I am special because _____. Send it to your teacher!"

4. With a partner, list things that are the same about the two of you. List things that are different about the two of you. Together, write a paragraph telling about the things that are the same about the two of you. Write a paragraph telling about the differences.