

# Character Corner

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## Tolerance

The recognition and respect for the beliefs and background of others.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Keep a fair attitude towards others	2 Respect the beliefs of others without compromising your own beliefs	3 Hold your opinions until you have facts or get to know someone	4 List 5 synonyms for tolerance.	5 Volunteer with your family.
6 Research the origin of your name	7 View differences as a way to learn about others	8 Find a news story (online or hardcopy) that shows someone being honest	9 Do not make or laugh at ethnic jokes	10 List 5 antonyms for tolerance	11 Make a list of things you have in common with your friends	12 Tell the truth even if there is a consequence
13 Try a food from a different culture	14 Don't judge a person on appearances. Take time to learn more about them.	15 Be open minded when meeting new friends	18 Show empathy for those that have a physical disability	19 Make a list of these you have in common with someone in your class	20 Research a social service or human rights organization and find out what they do	21 Show tolerance with your friends when you have different opinions
22 Discuss stereotypes and how they can be hurtful	23 Write 5 reasons to be tolerant	24 Discuss stereotypes that you notice in the media	25 Research another country's culture and custom	26 Write a poem or story about being tolerant	27 Ask your parents how their job requires tolerance	28 Write a comic strip that shows tolerance.
29 Make a poster showing what tolerance means to you	30 Be kind even when others are not	31 Treat others the way you want to be treated				

*“The only way to have a friend is to be one.” —Ralph W. Emerson*

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### *Primary Grades Pre- K-2*

*Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes - When a mouse with an unusual name begins kindergarten, the class learns that “different” can be beautiful.*

*People by Peter Spier - Spectacular drawings and simple text celebrate the richness and excitement of a diverse planet.*

*Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children by Sandra L. Pinkney - Photographs and whimsical metaphors showcase the beauty of different skin tones.*

*The Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss - Seuss spotlights the silliness of prejudice and fear of the unfamiliar.*

*Stellaluna by Janell Cannon - A baby bat with a bird “mother” tries to fit in while preserving her true nature.*

*Two Eyes, a Nose, and a Mouth by Roberta Grobel Intrater - Rhyming text and photos emphasize the similarities and differences of people's facial features.*

*Yo? Yes! by Chris Raschka - Two boys — one black and one white — explore the joys and insecurities of conversation as they learn to connect and communicate.*

*Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman - An African-American grade-schooler longs to play Peter Pan in the school play, but has to prove a black girl is right for the role.*

*How My Parent’s Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman - An American sailor and his Japanese girlfriend try to learn each other’s eating style in secret.*

*Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni - Friends of different colors bring their families together in an abstract look at the way hues blend.*

*Molly’s Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen - A Russian immigrant teaches her classmates the true meaning of “pilgrim.”*

*Sitti’s Secrets by Naomi Shihab Nye - Despite national and language barriers, a girl shares a strong bond with her Palestinian grandmother.*

*Wings by Christopher Myers - A boy who’s “different” finds the courage to be true to himself and others.*

## *Intermediate Grades 3-6*

*The Big Book for Peace by Various Award-Winning Authors - A collection of writing and art that explores peace, war, and conflict resolution across the globe.*

*Children, Just Like Me by Susan Elizabeth Copsey, et al - Photographs and stories depict the daily lives of children around the world.*

*Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan - Displaced from a life of privilege to one of poverty, an adolescent discovers respect for herself and others.*

*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Lord - A 1940's Chinese immigrant connects with her new country and classroom through baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers.*

*Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli - A boy with an extraordinary talent transcends racism in his segregated community.*

*Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges - Photos, quotes, and her own words describe Ruby Bridges' integration experience.*

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare - A 1687 Puritan girl risks becoming an outcast in order to help her Quaker friend.*