

# Each Kindness

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Friendship, Community, Compassion

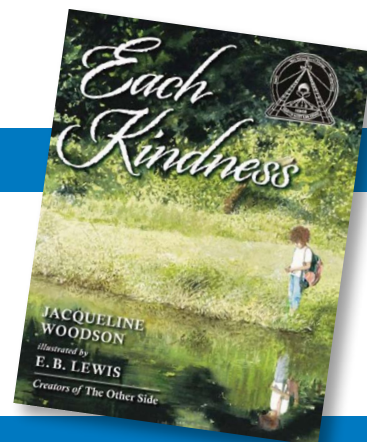
**Book Brief:** When a strange new girl comes to her school, Chloe learns an important lesson about the value of simple kindness.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, build background:** Have you ever been teased or left out because you're different? How did that make you feel? Have you ever teased someone for being different? How do you think that made them feel?

pictures tell you about the characters' feelings? Look at Maya's face—is she happy at school? How does Chloe feel at the end of the book?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Why didn't Chloe ever smile back at Maya?
- ◆ What could Chloe have done differently to be kind to Maya?
- ◆ What would you have done if you had been Chloe?

**While reading, look at the pictures:** What do the

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### BREAKING BREAD

Sharing a meal with someone is a good way to get to know them. If your teacher permits, at least one day this week, challenge yourself to eat with someone new. Sit at a different table in the cafeteria or invite a neighbor over to share a snack. If someone's eating food that seems "strange" to you, remember—your food probably seems just as strange to them!

### READ LETTER DAY

Materials: paper, pencil or pen

One great way to be kind is to write a letter to someone just to say hi. Write a letter or make a card for a grandparent or older relative. You can also write to a veteran or someone in the military ([www.operationgratitude.com/writeletters](http://www.operationgratitude.com/writeletters)), or to someone in a nursing home with no family to visit them ([www.facebook.com/thelonelyelderly](http://www.facebook.com/thelonelyelderly)). They'll love hearing from you!

### KINDNESS JAR

Materials: jar, cup, or container; decorations (stickers, glitter, glue, paper, paint, ribbon, etc.); paper; pencil

Make a kindness jar to celebrate random acts of kindness! Decorate a clean jar or cup. Think of all the different ways you can be kind every day. Every time you do something kind, write it down on a little piece of paper and put it in the jar. When the jar is full, do something special to celebrate, like eating at a favorite restaurant or playing a favorite family game.



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.jacquelinewoodson.com/community-forum](http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/community-forum) and tell the author about something kind her book inspired you to do.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Pecan Pie Baby* (2013)

*This Is the Rope* (2013)

*Coming on Home Soon* (2004)



Reading Is Fundamental