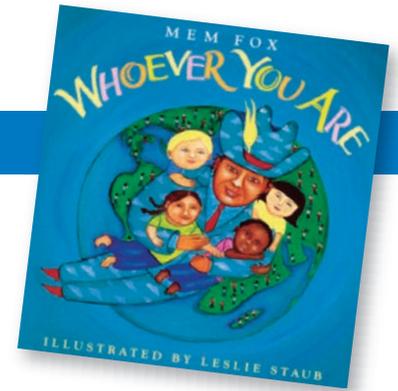


Whoever You Are



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Diversity, Differences, Multiculturalism

Grade Level: Pre-K to 2nd grade

Book Brief: This story is a celebration of all the different kinds of children all over the world, whoever and wherever they are.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, look at the pictures: The pictures show different kinds of children from all over the world. Can

your child find one who looks like them? Do any of the children look like their friends or classmates?

While reading, look at the maps: Use the illustrations of Earth to point out where you live. Explain why parts of the map are green and parts are blue.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Who is the man in the blue hat?
- ◆ Why doesn't everybody live in the same kind of house or go to the same kind of school?
- ◆ Do you think it would be boring if we were all the same?
- ◆ What about you makes you special?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

DELICIOUS DIFFERENCES

Ingredients: 2 or 3 kinds of apples, 2 or 3 kinds of cheese

You can learn about differences just by eating! Give your child slices from 2 or 3 different kinds of apples and cubes of 2 or 3 kinds of cheese. While they eat, ask them to think about how the apples and cheese are alike and different...and how they're all delicious!

OUT AND ABOUT

How diverse is your city or town? The next time you go out, point out all the signs or symbols of different cultures you see. While you're out, ask your child to think about how boring the world be if we were all the same.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Help your child celebrate all the things that make them special with an acrostic poem.

Materials: paper, crayons or markers, stickers (optional)

Have your child write their name vertically on a piece of paper. For each letter, have them pick a word or phrase that describes them and that starts with that letter. Write the word beside the letter. Decorate with crayons, markers and stickers.



Example

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Little Dragon (2011), *Let's Count Goats* (2010), *Hello Baby!* (2009), *Where the Giant Sleeps* (2007), *A Particular Cow* (2006).



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