



## **WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT**

(Value #6: Accepting of All People)



### **Description**

Does every kid at your school look and act alike? Not unless you're clones! Even if your school has uniforms, and you dress alike, there are still differences between all of you.

Some of you are girls, and some are boys. Some kids might have darker or lighter skin, or straighter or kinkier hair.

And what about differences in the way people act? Or in their interests and talents?

You go to school with lots of kids who are different from you:

- Kids whose families speak a different language at home
- Kids whose families have more money than you, or less
- Kids who love homework (yes, there are some!)
- Kids who don't seem to care about anything except sports
- Girls who are tomboys
- Boys who are more timid than most
- Kids whose families are very religious
- Kids whose families don't belong to any religion

That's just a start.

Sometimes differences can make you mad or impatient. There are times we'd like to argue with a friend or family member when we don't see eye-to-eye.



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Differences might make you curious about a person. Why does that girl wear a head-covering, you wonder. How does she feel about it? Or what about the new boy who has an accent? What country is he from? How does he like it here?

The important thing to know is that we can all learn from, and **enjoy**, each other's differences. After all, the world would be a pretty boring place if everyone were alike.

The best way to learn about other people's differences is to ask. And you may make a new friend.

### Example from Cesar's Life:

To build a union, you need **unity**. This means **everyone working together** for a goal. Cesar knew that this would mean getting everyone to help, even if they spoke different languages or had different colors of skin. So in the UFW, workers of all cultures – Latino, African American, Filipino, Arabs, and others -- united to win. And helpers (or **volunteers**) from big cities – many of them white – joined in, as well.

Every person brought a different talent or skill, and that's how the Union won its victories!

### Activities

- Read a book or watch a movie – a biography, maybe – about somebody from a race different from yours. Ask your librarian or teacher for help.
- Try an activity that's new for you. If you don't think you like sports, go to the next school soccer match. Even if you're shy, try out for the school play – or work backstage.
- Eat lunch with somebody you've never talked to.
- Go to church, synagogue or mosque with a kid from another faith.
- Invite a kid from another culture over to your house for dinner.

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## The Ten Values of Cesar Chavez

1. **Teach Someone** (Service to Others)
2. **Sacrifice for Others** (Sacrifice)
3. **Help Someone** (Help the Most Needy)
4. **Si Se Puede** (Determination)
5. **No Violence** (Nonviolence)
6. **We're All Different** (Accepting of All People)
7. **Respect Others** (Respect for Life)
8. **Be Proud** (Celebrating Community)
9. **Knowledge Is Power** (Knowledge)
10. **Be Creative** (Innovation)



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### **WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT PLEDGE**

“I will be nice and respectful to everyone, even though they may be different than me. The language we speak, the religion we practice, the family traditions we live, the color of our skin, and the amount of money we have may be different, but we’re still the same.”

**Sign here after saying pledge: X.**

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