

Acceptance

Acceptance means respecting the differences among people. It entails recognizing different opinions and ideas.

Help develop a common vocabulary and focus by communicating the meaning of ACCEPTANCE through your daily actions.

Leader's Message:

When we are accepting, we aren't necessarily agreeing with another person's beliefs. However, we are respecting their rights to their own opinions. Often the word "tolerance" is used as a synonym for acceptance. We show tolerance when we give others the same rights we expect to have ourselves.

Food for thought:

Think about this quote by Joanne Kathleen Rowling*: "Understanding is the first step to acceptance." Consider what this message means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

Action Prompt:

Avoid gossiping and bullying! Gossiping and bullying at first may not seem related to acceptance. It begins to make sense when we realize that being intolerant, or non-accepting, means to refuse to accept people as they are. Gossiping and name-calling are simply the outcome of seeing people as different from you. Be tolerant of other's differences and you will create a respectful, peaceful environment.

* Joanne Kathleen Rowling (1965 -) English writer, author of the Harry Potter series