



## Acceptance

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**This week, our students are focusing on the quality of ACCEPTANCE. They are learning and discussing:**

- How every person has unique qualities that make him or her a special person worthy of acceptance.
- Why accepting others is important in a diverse world.
- The importance of accepting themselves as well as accepting others.
- How acceptance is a key quality in preventing bullying behaviors.

Please take the time to consider what this good character quality means to your own group or organization by sharing the following:

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Consider using this *Community Link* with your employees, membership or organization whenever possible.

### What You Can Do!

- Help the youth in our community understand that acceptance of themselves and others is critical in a changing and diverse world. Encourage them to share, take turns, listen to others and recognize their unique differences.
- Food for thought: Think of one time in your life when you were accepted by others. What did those accepting you do to make you feel welcome? Make a point to extend those same acts to another the next time that you are in a position to accept someone.
- Post this quote by Jesse Jackson: "America is like a quilt, with many colors and sizes, all put together by one thread." Encourage others to consider how it applies in their lives.
- Take a survey: In your organization, would you say that the principle of acceptance is practiced? Does your group or organization willingly accept members of different ideologies, cultures, or socio-economic status?
- Integrate the principle of ACCEPTANCE in your organization as often as possible.