

Reading across the miles



Theme

Books to read
together

Reading the Bible
together

Looking at the Book
of Common Prayer
together

What we need to do
this work together

Talking or writing
together

It's okay to be different. This collection of books will address nurturing self-esteem, will teach tolerance and social skills.

Lots of Opposites (Sesame Street)

My Friend Isabelle (Woloso)

We're Different, We're the Same and We're All Wonderful! (Sesame Street)

It's Okay to be Different (Todd Parr)

Psalm 139:14

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Luke 6: 31

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" (Baptismal Covenant Promise p. 305)

2 sheets of construction paper for each person's book
construction paper or socks or felt to make a puppet for each
family member

glue

markers or crayons

magazines

family photos

How can your family be more loving this week?

How can you be more loving to your family this week? To your friends?

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Making something together

Make a booklet using 2 pieces of construction paper folded in half. You may wish to staple it on the fold. Either draw pictures to illustrate the Psalm or the Golden Rule or cut out pictures from newspapers to illustrate the message.

You may also wish to make puppets for each person in your family using construction paper or socks. Using the puppets act out ways you can be loving to one another.

Singing and Praying Together

Make a center for family prayer time. Take a piece of construction paper, put a small votive candle on it and perhaps one of your family booklets. Light the candle each time you gather for prayers.

You may wish to read the two scriptures and pray the following prayer:

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: That we can be like Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: That we respect the dignity of every human being.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: That we will remember to thank God for all our gifts.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: For those who are special to us.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

All Amen.



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