



YMCA Project Cornerstone Summer Fun — ABC

An 8-week adventure in reading, games,
and family fun!

Week 3 — *The Day You Begin*

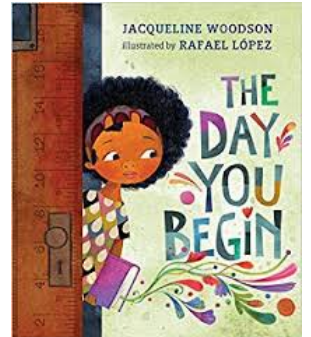
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Celebrate Differences

Book synopsis: This book tells a story of tolerance and acceptance of others. It also makes us aware of the importance of creating a community where all kids share a sense of belonging and safety.

Goal: Children will learn how to embrace each individual for who they are and recognize and value diversity.

Book Narration Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM3DesXfrtQ>



This Week's Activities

Monday

Student Activity: Thought Jar

- Materials: Jar or box with a lid, paper cut into fourths, crayons, colored pens or pencils
- Think about how you feel different from others.
- Write or draw thoughts - one thought per piece of paper.
- Roll papers up one at a time and tie with a ribbon or just fold them.
- Place them in the jar labeled as (your name's) THOUGHT JAR (ex. *AMY'S THOUGHT JAR*)

Tuesday

Craft: Weave Your Own Unique Story

- Materials: Heart cut out of construction paper or card stock, colored and variety of yarn cut in different lengths, hole punch, tape
- Punch holes in the hearts.
- Think of what makes you unique and different. Express this with the colored yarn.
- Start at any hole and weave the yarn in and out of the holes. Use a piece of tape to attach the yarn at the beginning and the end.

Wednesday

Complimentary Book:

- Read or listen to the narration of the complimentary book, *The Sandwich Swap* by Queen Rania Al Abdullah and Kelly DiPucchio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpGhq4hkYHc>

Thursday

Game: Word Search

- Complete the *Day You Begin* Word Search on page 2 (answer key on page 3).

Friday

Family Activity: Family Movie Night

- Watch "Toy Story" a film about courage, humility, and teamwork.

Bonus Fun:

Student Activity: Make a Passport

- Materials: papers cut to 4x6 and stapled into book form, colored pencils or crayons
- The students in the story traveled many places.
- Make a passport of the places you've been or would like to go. Draw "passport stamps" for each location.

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The Day You Begin Word Search

B D H T V N X D B F Y E A Q Z
E I M C N B Q A O S X W W W S
G V Q W Q F V N O C L U N C H
I E Y B C L M G K X E X J C R
N R D X U Y Q E S S Q O F Z X
V S U N L D S L I U H O J I S
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