

WITS

Lesson Plan

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Grade:



WITS Connection: Walk Away ✓ Ignore ✓ Talk it out ✓ Seek Help

Story Summary:

Faizah wants the world to be a kind place, as special as her sister's hijab. On picture day, she and her friend Sophie find fun and creative ways to be kind to and help their classmates. When Faizah is faced with a disappointing realization on picture day, she learns that kindness can come back to you in beautiful ways.

Teacher's Notes:

Resources:



Pre-Reading

Questions:

1. What was the last kind thing you did for someone else? How do you think it made them feel?
2. When you give acts of kindness, how does it make you feel? Why do you think that is?
3. What is a hijab? Give a short lesson on the significance and origin of the hijab.

While Reading

Questions:

1. Activity: Faizah's teacher asks, "What kind of world do you want?"
 - Have students draw the world they want.
 - Lead a discussion where students can share their visions.
2. Why does Faizah feel both happy and sad seeing the other matching siblings on picture day?
3. How do Faizah's friends show her kindness?



Post-Reading

Questions:

1. How can you help to create a kind-powered world like Faizah and Sophie?
Is there anything kind you can do at school today?
2. What happens when we all commit to being kinder and making the world a good place?
3. What are some things you admire about your sibling(s), or your friends?

Post-Reading Activity:

1. Watch the following video about some of the author's accomplishments:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi7P_wnxqfg
2. Lead a discussion with the class:
 - Did anything surprise you about the Ibtihaj's journey and accomplishments?
 - In what ways is the author inspiring to others?
 - What connections can you make between Ibtihaj and Faizah?