

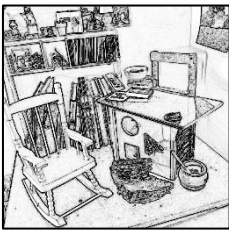
	<p>We are all Different</p>			
<p><u>Characters:</u></p>		<p>Teddy Bear</p>	<p>Buffy Bluebird Pájaro Café</p>	<p><u>Setting:</u> Teddy's office</p>

Teddy is in his office when he hears a knock on the door.

Teddy: Come right in! Good morning, Buffy!

Buffy Bluebird: Good morning, Mr. Teddy. Can I talk to you?

Teddy: Of course, I'm always ready to listen.

Buffy: You've known me since I was a little birdie. You accept me and understand me. Some kids look at me, and treat me differently . . . as if I'm not like them.

Teddy: Why do you think they see you as different?

Buffy: My scarf, my head covering is a block for some people. They only see it and immediately judge me as weird. Some kids call me mean names too.

Teddy: You are nice and kind to everyone. You're a good student too.

Buffy: I try to help kids and listen to them. I don't care if they're black or brown or white, older or younger, male or female or bi, immigrant or American.

Teddy: And you're doing the right thing, Buffy. You cannot let someone's bias affect you. Like shadows on the wall, we are alike but slightly different.

Buffy: Thank you, Mr. Teddy, that makes me feel better.

Teddy: I want you to meet another friend, so I'm going to call and ask him to come over.

Soon a brown bird comes into the office.

Teddy: Thanks for coming right over, Pájaro Café. I want you to meet Buffy Bluebird.

Pájaro: Nice to meet you.

Buffy: Good to meet you too.

Teddy: I want you two to meet because you have the same problem. Pájaro, tell Buffy your problem.

Pájaro: Everyone looks down on me, cause I'm short and brown. I wear my native hat. I'm an indigenous American from Bolivia. I speak English but the other kids act like I'm dumb.

Buffy: Everyone looks at me like I'm different too. My religion tells me to wear a scarf. It's even worse when I wear a black scarf. But I'm a kid just like everyone else. I'm no different.

Teddy (points to his tablet): Let's read this together and see what we can learn.

Bias. You favor some ideas or people over others.

Prejudice. You judge (made a decision) about people before you know anything about them.

Stereotype. You put people into groups like race, gender, country. You assume how people behave based on their group.

Discriminate-discrimination. Unfair treatment of one specific person or group of people. Unfair treatment is because of a person's sex, religion, nationality, ethnicity (culture), race, or other personal traits. Discrimination based on race is racism.

Racist – racism. You believe that one race or skin color is better than another and treat people badly based on their race.



Pájaro: I think that people are prejudiced against me because I'm brown. I can feel the discrimination.

Buffy: People have definite stereotypes about Muslims. My scarf announces my religion.

Teddy: All people?

Pájaro: No, not everyone is prejudiced.

Buffy: No, not all people have stereotypes in their minds. Not everyone is biased.

Teddy: So some people are prejudiced, biased or have stereotypes about you. But not everyone. Many people are open-minded and see you for who you are.

Buffy and Pájaro: Yes!

Teddy gets an ice cube from the refrigerator.

Teddy: This ice cube is frozen and hard with prejudice and bias. But as it stays in my warm hand and gets to know me, it will melt away.

Buffy: Oh, so when the ice melts, the water is no longer prejudiced.

Pájaro: I get it! The stereotypes melt away in your warm hand in a warm room.

Teddy: That's exactly what happens. When people get to know you, their prejudice, bias, stereotypes melt and evaporate. They become open-minded.

Pájaro: Thank you, Teddy! Thank you for helping me understand.

Buffy: I will feel better at school now. Thank you, Mr. Teddy!



When have I experienced prejudice? Where have I seen discrimination? Who am I prejudiced against? Who am I prejudiced in favor of? What helps to melt away a bias? Do I want to be prejudiced or open-minded?

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WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT

1. Who are the characters? _____

2. What is the setting? _____
3. What is Buffy's problem? _____

4. Why does Teddy ask Pájaro Café to come and talk to Buffy? _____

5. What is prejudice? discrimination? _____

- 6, How does Teddy help the two birds? _____

7. Writing. Text-to-self. Have you had a similar experience?

8. Writing. Stop and Think! When have I experienced prejudice? Where have I seen discrimination? Who am I prejudiced against? Who am I prejudiced in favor of? What helps to melt away a bias? Do I want to be prejudiced or open-minded?
