

December:  
WEEK ONE



# DISCRIMINATION

## THE AGENDA:

*Discuss: What does it mean to discriminate? What is the difference between discrimination, prejudice and racism? Who are some people/ groups that frequently face discrimination? What are some stereotypes people have about teenagers? Are they correct? Is it fair to stereotype or discriminate? What can we do to stop discrimination?*

- ◇ 'Discrimination' Worksheet.
- ◇ Go to the Library and research different religions and holiday celebrations around the world. Which sound unique or fun?

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- ◇ Create holiday cards or paper snowflakes
- ◇ Try a craft from a different culture you learned about online (like a dreidel)



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Who are people I stereotype or treat differently? (eg. senior citizens)

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What stereotypes do I have about this group of people?

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Why do I believe this or act this way?

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What are ways I can change my attitude and/or my behavior?

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What are ways I can help change the attitudes of the people around me?

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How will I know that I have been successful?

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Winter holidays are celebrated differently around the world. How are they celebrated in the following countries?

- o Mexico: (hint: look up *Las Posadas*)
  - o Latvia: (hint: how many days are Christmas celebrated over?)
  - o Holland: (hint: Where does Sinterklaas leave the children's presents?)
  - o What is the origin of the Christmas tree?
  - o What are some special traditions on Hannukah? (hint: look up *menorah*, *dreidel* and *latkes*) Find out how to play the dreidel game and make your own dreidel!
- How did Santa Claus originate?

**Find out what Santa is called around the world! Can you find out with country/language these names are used in?**

Sinterklaas

Papai Noel

Père Noël

Der Weihnachtsmann

Ganesha

Father Christmas

Ash Man

Christkindle

Svaty Miklas

Kolyada

Hagios Nikolaos

Dyed Moroz

Bozicek

Befana

Diado Coleda

Deda Mraz

Babbo Natale