

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)

What stereotypes do I have about this group of people?

Why do I believe this or act this way?

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

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

How will I know that I have been successful?

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