

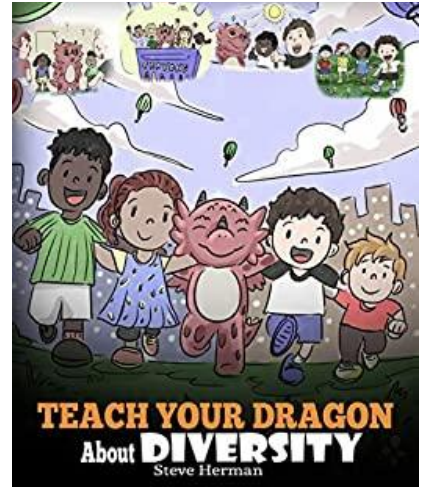


# TEACH YOUR DRAGON ABOUT DIVERSITY

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### SUMMARY

Drew has a pet dragon named Diggory Doo who has a lot to learn. When Diggory first comes around he's very naughty, and so they decide to send him to school so he can learn the proper way to behave. How will Diggory feel when he realizes that nobody else looks like him? What can he learn about diversity?



### Questions:

1. How does it feel when you're spending time with someone but they are yelling and being louder than they need to be? Is there a better way to express yourself than yelling?
2. Has there ever been a new kid at your school or have you ever been a new kid? Were people kind and friendly right away? How would it feel to be new? How could you make someone new feel welcome?
3. How would it feel to look different than everyone around you? Even though you look different, would you still want to be treated as if you are the same? Does looking different on the outside make someone different on the inside?
4. Are the ways that we are different from one another more important, or the ways we are the same? Is the color of someone's skin or hair more important than how they feel in the heart?
5. Do you have any foods that you like to eat that come from other cultures? Would the world be better if you could only eat foods from your own culture? If our lives are made better by being able to eat foods from other cultures, could they also be made better by learning other things from other cultures? Like what? Music? Language? Movies? Games? Art? Points of view?
6. What's the best way to use your voice? Is it to whine or say negative things? Is it to say things that might hurt someone's feelings? Or is it to describe what is inside your heart and maybe find someone who feels the same way? Is it to be kind and help others to see how special they are? Is it to stand up for people who are hurt? What's the BEST way to use your voice?
7. How can you be respectful of people who are different from you? By listening? By trying new things? By using empathy to see things from their point of view?
8. "Diversity" means having a lot of things that are different. Is diversity a good thing? How has diversity made your life better? Has it given you choices of more colors to like, clothes to wear, and food to eat? Has it given you friends who are different from you in some ways but the same in more important ways? Does diversity make the world better?