

**SNEAK
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**LOVE
IN A
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WORLD™**

PRACTICAL SEL

FOR 21ST-CENTURY LEARNERS

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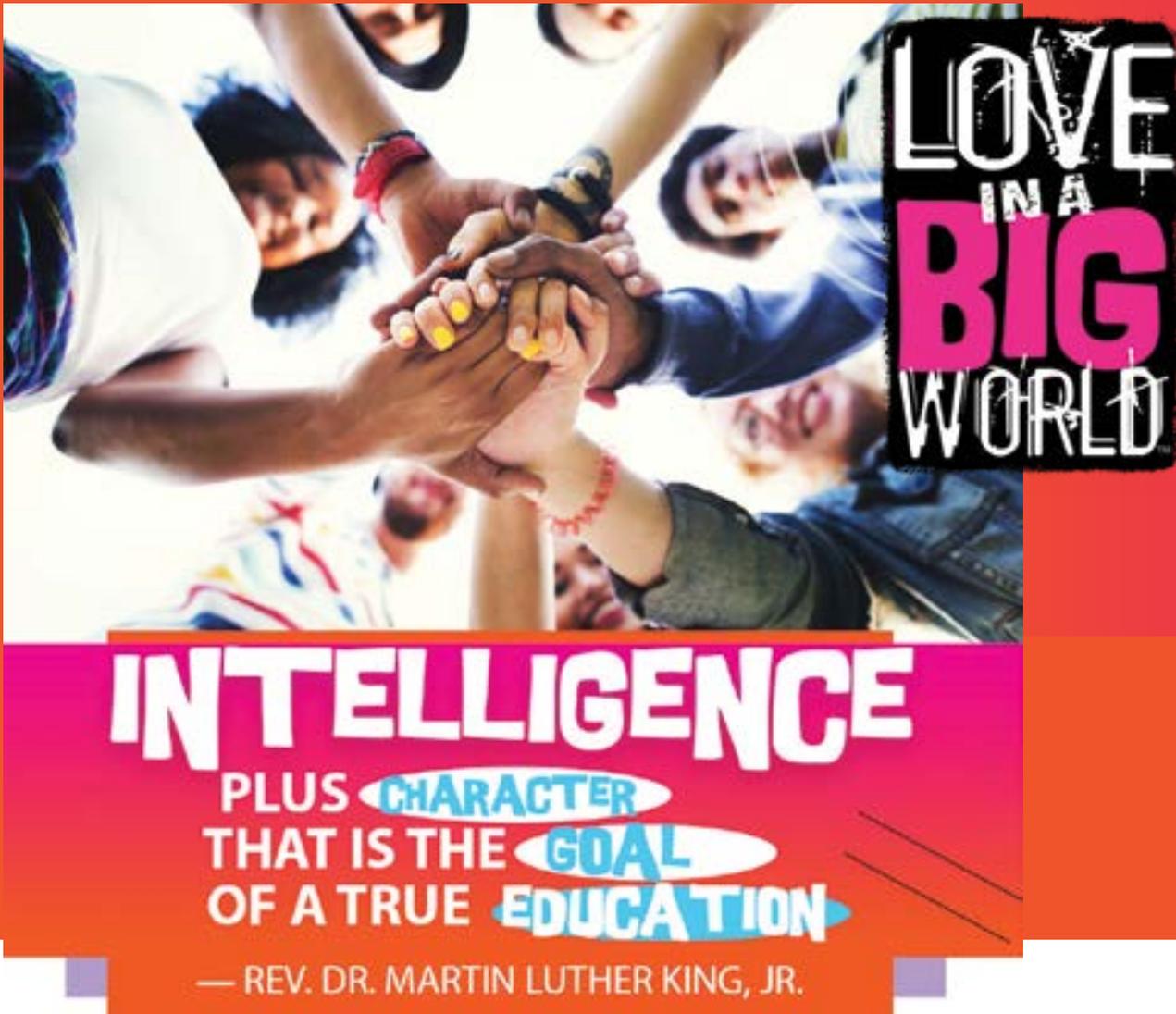
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Introduction

Love In A Big World equips K-8 educators with a social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum that is both research-based and practical. We provide the supporting resources necessary to empower students to be socially competent, emotionally healthy problem-solvers who discover and maintain a sense of purpose and make a positive difference in the world. By defining the structure of 24 essential character traits, the curriculum provides a common language for the school community as well as meaningful activities that can be completed in as little as 15 to 30 minutes per day. Lessons emphasize literacy, arts, and service learning and can be easily incorporated with morning meetings, advisory periods, academics, and afterschool programs.



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KINDNESS



FOCUS

Kindness is treating others the way you want to be treated.

OBJECTIVE

To understand that the way I treat others is often the way I will be treated.

INSTRUCTIONS

We suggest you state the definition and objective, read a story, have Guided Conversation, and spend time journaling each day. Choose the other activities based on the goals of your school/organization and the needs of your students.

The activities can last 15–30 minutes or longer, depending on the length of your day and the responses of your students. Keep in mind that it is more important to teach the students than to teach the material. Follow the character-focused conversations and build relationships.

KINDNESS

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIES
Recommended Activities		
STORYBOOK	Choose: <i>Crow Boy</i> by Taro Yashima or “Diamonds and Toads”	<i>Crow Boy</i> book
GUIDED CONVERSATION	Providing a space where adults are truly interested in what the students have to say will help students open their hearts and share their thoughts.	none
JOURNAL	This gives your students time to be still, reflect, and listen to their hearts.	quiet music (recommended: Bryan Segraves, available on iTunes), writing and drawing supplies, My Journals
Interdisciplinary Activities		
TEACHER STORY	Tell a personal story of when you felt left out or when you left out somebody else. Share how Kindness could have changed the situation. (Be sure your story is age appropriate.)	none
GAME	Amoeba Soccer	soccer ball, 2 goals, safety cones
ART	Choose: Daily Project—Kindness Collage or The Big Book Project	magazines, scissors, paper, glue sticks OR paper, crayons, pencils, markers, fasteners, folders, string, and so on
KID DO!	Getting to Know Each Other!	none
COMPOSITION	I Can Be Kind	paper, pencils
DRAMA SKIT	Chibi’s Talent	none
FINDING OUT MORE	More About Japan	computers/tablets/phones, wi-fi, books about Japan, (optional) chopsticks
GIVE BACK	Not only is it important for students to learn these traits, it is important for them to put them into action. One way they can do that is through service learning.	Talk with your Director about your project.
Lesson Tips		
<p>INVOLVING FAMILIES Communicate with families the character trait being taught. Give them some simple ideas of how they can reinforce the learning at home. (See the Family Newsletters and other materials in the Activity Pack.)</p> <p>USING SOCIAL MEDIA To cultivate family involvement, share with the families in your community our Love In A Big World posts, videos, social images, and podcasts that correspond with each character trait. Here’s how:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find and follow Love In A Big World / @loveinabigworld on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube. 2. Share the content from Love In A Big World with your own social networks and regular e-newsletters. 3. Make Love In A Big World a part of your daily conversations—online and in person! 4. Visit our website at www.loveinabigworld.org to stay up to date. 		



YOUR BIG WORLD

How has someone been kind to you today?

SAMPLE

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