

## Introduction to Love & Respect

Month: Aug.

Week #: 1

Day: c. Wed. Time: 30 min.

# Meet Michael Jordan!

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### Objectives/Aims

The students will: learn that the way we treat famous people, or our heroes, is how we should treat everybody: with respect.

### Materials

whiteboard or chalkboard

### Illustration

Wow, Leila is getting to meet Michael Jordan, her favorite sport hero of all time. How is she greeting him?

### Background

Respect is the foundational principal that engenders a caring, supportive and fulfilled community (classroom).

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *respect* as:

- To feel or show deferential regard for; esteem.
- To avoid violation of or interference with.
- To relate or refer to; concern.

The author's definition of *respect*:

- Recognizing that another: is separate and distinct yet similar; is

endowed with unique gifts, characteristics and challenges; has the right to make choices and to self determination; is endowed with inherent worth.



### Group Activity

- Brainstorm with children a list of people who they think are really special.
- Choose several of the special people and have children role-play that they are that person.
- Have other children go up and interact with that person, treating them in a special way.

Example: You're walking on the street when you meet Michael Jordan, who you think is the most awesome basketball player ever. What would you say to him? If you could do something nice for him, what would it be? If you could give him something special what would that be?

Note: You'll probably want to choose a local sports hero that the students can relate to.

### Group Discussion Questions

- What did you think about that special person?
- What special things did you think of to say to that person?

**Group Discussion Questions (continued)**

3. What special things did you think of to do for that person?

**Conclusion**

Say, "When you treat someone else like they are really special, that is treating them with respect. In this classroom, everybody is special and deserves to be treated with respect."



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