



I AM MADE FOR A PURPOSE

"Being a good example teaches others to be good"

Goals

Identity starts with understanding that everyone is valuable and has something to contribute, and everyone can set a good example

Tools

•Lesson 8 purpose worksheet



Chalkboard:

Your actions and behaviors help build your reputation. Some people may be known as selfish, mean or, bad. Others may be seen as kind, caring and good friends. Your reputation, among other factors, will help to create the opportunities you encounter in life.

Guided Instruction:

Teacher and class group reading
(Teacher can pick students to read the story).

Pam is a girl who is in the fourth grade. She lives in a small town that is close to a large farm. Pam likes to visit the cows daily on her way home from school.

One day Pam sees a new cow that she has never seen before. The cow looks very old, and even though it seems to be a new cow because she's never met this cow before, it seems like it has lived a long life somewhere.

She decides to go over to introduce herself to this new but old cow. "Hello Mr. Cow", she says, "What is your name, and where are you from?"

The cow slowly looks up from the hay bin and tiredly gives her a grin. "I have been here all along.... You just never saw me." said the old cow. "What?!" Pam screams out in surprise, "I have been visiting here every day! How is it that I never met you?"

Pam almost doesn't believe this new but old cow because she knows she has been visiting this farm since she was in the second grade...ever since her mom and dad decided to let her walk from school by herself.



"Well," started Mr. Cow, as he slowly chewed his hay; "For many, many years, all of my family (most of the other cows at the farm, he explains) told me every morning that because I am the grandfather, I should come out and be a part of the daily goings of this here farm. But I didn't think I had anything to offer."

Pam looked at him bidding him to keep talking. She did not understand what he meant. "Well, all the other cows here are young and strong...the mommy cows aren't young, but they have things to do with their calves...the young bulls are growing together. And then there's just me." He looked down sadly.

Pam looked at him intently for about a minute...she was thinking hard about everything he had said. Then, after much thought, she asked him a question. "Mr. Cow?" She inquired, where would all of these cows be if you weren't here?"

He looked up at her, confused for a moment. Then he looked around at all of the other cows. Some of the baby calves were sitting with their mom. Four young bulls were playing across in the other pens, and a few others were resting under a tall oak tree in the distance. He looked at her, and as a shy grin began to form in his mouth, he said, "I guess they wouldn't be here. They are all here because I am here!"

She looked at him, smiled back...and knew she had made a new friend.





Activity One:
Group Discussion

1. Why do you think Mr. cow began to grin?
2. Was Mr. Cow important? Why or why not?

Activity Two:
Lesson 8 Worksheet - PURPOSE

Suggested *examples* of how to be an example -

- Treat family members with kindness
- Be helpful to others so others can see
- Make your bed. Help with chores
- Tell others that you care about them
- Do your homework without being told



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