Inclusiveness

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Have you ever been left out or left behind? I sure have and it doesn’t feel good. It makes you feel bad, like you’ve done something wrong.

The K-kid core value I live most vibrantly is inclusiveness. I think if you leave someone behind it doesn’t make that person or you feel good. It makes everyone feel bad, like a story I heard about when the Japanese people were sent to camps just because they were different.

Back in the 1940’s World War II happened. Our government sent Japanese people to camps just because they were different. I think this would have made them feel angry, sad, and disappointed that they were not treated like other American citizens. Our government was not very inclusive.

Inclusiveness can also make a difference at school. If you let someone join in the fun you make them feel happy. You will make yourself happy as well. When people are not left out there is less bullying, less fighting and less sadness.

When I was in second grade, one of my classmates didn’t have very many friends. She was bossy, she interrupted classmates when they were talking and she was mean on the playground. I decided to give her a friendship bracelet. I asked her if she would like to play with me during recess. She was so excited and happy. Inclusiveness helped her become less bossy, less angry and more fun to be around.

When I am inclusive my friends are more inclusive, then their friends become more inclusive and it goes on and on and on... You should try it. It might change how other people feel about you. It might even change the world.