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Not liking *something* about a person is okay. What is not okay is ridiculing and making fun of someone because they are different from you. We all need to work at treating people with the respect they deserve. All people are children of God, created by him as unique and special persons.

Here are some things you can do to work on accepting others and treating everyone with the respect they deserve:

- Remember that each person is a child of God.
- Look for the goodness within each person.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to be your helper and guide.
- Take the time to get to know the other person.
- Treat others as you want them to treat you.

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PRAY Lord you are the light in my life. Help me to keep joy and respect others as you do. Amen.



▶ I FOLLOW JESUS

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Respond

- ▶ Have the young people work in groups to identify ways that peers in their school and parish community treat one another with respect. Ask each group to share several examples with the large group.
- ▶ Second, ask the members of each group to identify situations when a peer's differences are used as a reason to exclude that person from a group.
- ▶ Have each group choose one of the situations in which someone is excluded and share how they might deal with that situation in a way that shows they are living symbols of Christ.

Choose

- ▶ Have the young people write and commit to their faith choices.
- ▶ Encourage everyone to put their faith choices into practice.

DOCTRINE CONNECTION

The Theological Virtue of Hope. On February 25, 1978, Pop Paul VI said in an address to youth, "If you wish really to be and remain always young, follow Christ! He alone is the Savior of the world. He alone is the true hope of all mankind." Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire God above all else. As they look to their future, the young people need to desire God above all else. Keeping this focus will help them discover the road to true happiness, the happiness of a life with God here and for eternity (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1817–1821).