

HERO'S STORY TIME

HELPING EVERY CHILD REACH OPTIMUM SUCCESS

GUIDE



Lacey Walker Nonstop Talker

By Christianne C. Jones

Questions and discussions during read-aloud stories can promote social and emotional development. You can read this story on multiple days during the week and engage children by asking some of these questions.

- What do the adults in the story tell Lacey to do instead of talking?
- What is good about talking?
- What is good about listening?
- What is good about taking turns?
- What can listening help us learn?
- How can we be polite and kind with our talking?

During a class meeting, ask a question and pass around an object. Let each person have a turn to respond while holding the object. Encourage others without the object to listen.

Go on a slow, outdoor meditation walk. Practice being quiet and listening. Have children identify what they hear in the environment.

Practice turn taking as the children play Go Fish and other games, are line leaders (classroom jobs), during conversations, etc.

FLYING HIGHER

Observe your own tendency to talk a lot. As the children practice being respectful of others, make sure you are respectful of them by not talking over or interrupting them.



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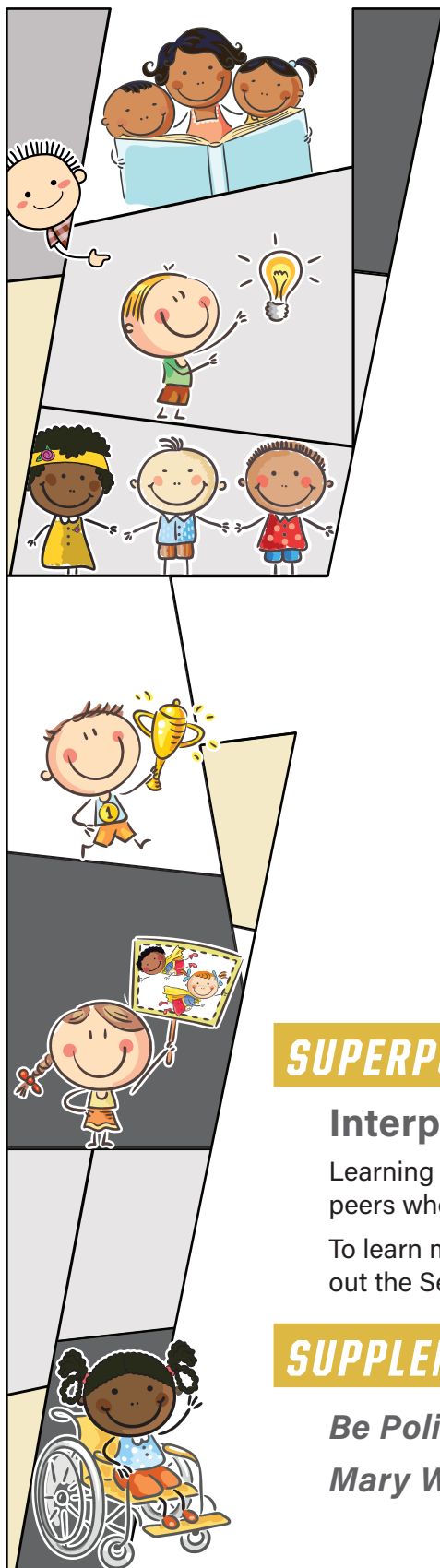
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THIS WEEK WE READ

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Your child learned about the interpersonal skills asset of quietly listening to others when they speak.

THINK ABOUT IT

How does everyone communicate at home? Does everyone interrupt one another? Or do people take the time to actively listen to each other? Children learn to talk by the way their family talks to them and each other.

How You Can Teach Good Listening Skills

Engage your child in conversation to help them learn how to talk only when it is their turn.

Listen patiently to your child and give them eye contact.

Speak when they are finished.

Teach them how to wait for their turn by practicing taking turns with them.

Praise them for remembering good manners to reinforce the habit.

Adult Superpower: Most parents are stressed multitaskers who often forget to take care of themselves. Take time to practice self-care, and expect that it will take time for your child to learn not to interrupt. Be patient with them as well as with yourself.

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To learn more about the 40 Developmental Assets, check out the Search Institute website: puext.in/40.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING

Be Polite and Kind (Learning to Get Along) by Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.

Mary Wrightly So Politely by Shirin Yim Bridges and Maria Monescillo

ONE OF THE MOST
SINCERE FORMS OF
RESPECT IS LISTENING
TO WHAT OTHERS HAVE
TO SAY.