Lesson 5

Area: Be Inclusive

Title: I Like People Who....

Objective: Students will play a game that includes everyone.

Materials: None

Activity:

1. Arrange desk/chairs in a circle. Make sure there is one seat for each student.

2. Pick someone (or you—the teacher) to be “IT.” Make sure there is NOT a chair in the circle for “IT” to sit on. Remind students of basic safety issues. This is a moving game, but safety is essential.

3. “IT” will say “I like people, especially people who ______” fill in the blank with something like “people who live in an apartment, are wearing sneakers, who like to sing, etc.

4. Anyone who fits the description called MUST get up and find a new seat. “IT” should also hurry and find a new seat.

5. The person left without a seat is the next “IT.” This person must make the same statement, filling in the blank with a new description.

6. Continue playing as long as you wish—typically until every student has had at least one chance to be “IT.” You may also want to make a rule that students cannot be “IT” more than 2 times—this will give everyone a fair turn.

Closure:

Ask students what makes this game fun?
Why is it good to play games that include everyone?
Did you learn anything new about anyone in our group?