

Wings

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Responsibility, Diversity, Friendship

Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade

Book Brief: A boy's wings make him a target for school bullies.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Show children the beautiful collages by Christopher Myers. How do the pictures help you know what the book is going to be about? Can you tell what the different characters are feeling by looking at the colors?

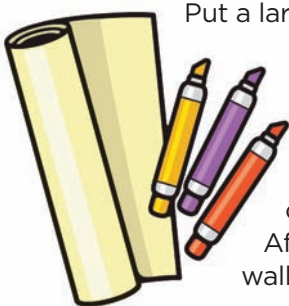
RELATED ACTIVITIES

COLLAGE (AGES 5-12)

Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, construction paper

Think of a story you want to tell through pictures. Cut out pictures from magazines or draw and cut out your own designs. Glue pieces together onto paper to create a collage. What story is your picture telling? If you have time, write a story to go with your collage.

AFFIRMATION WALL (AGES 6-12)



Put a large sheet of paper on the floor or table. Let kids use markers or pens to write positive phrases that they can use when confronted by a bully. Children can work together or alone to write the phrases. Afterward, hang the paper on the wall where everyone can see it.



WINGING IT (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, crayons and/or markers, pencils

Draw a picture of yourself with wings. On the wings, write words to describe your strengths. If you have large enough paper, you can work in pairs or groups to make a life-sized version by lying down on the paper and tracing your outline, then adding wings.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Looking Like Me (2010), *Lies and Other Tall Tales* (2005), *Fly!* (2001), *Black Cat* (1999).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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