



Sweet People Are Everywhere

ACTIVITY GUIDE



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"I want children reading this to become familiar with the idea that other places exist."

—Alice Walker



To all who
teach children,

As teachers and parents, we are eager to share with children stories that celebrate human sweetness, help us find common ground, and honor what makes each of us unique. Alice Walker has laid a path for exploring a joyous view of the world.

Use this activity guide to celebrate the big ideas shared in *Sweet People Are Everywhere* with children in school or at home:

- Learn about different countries and the sweet people who live there;
- Notice how much people around the world have in common;
- Examine how the book's illustrations and writing give us a peek into peoples' lives; and
- Think about how storytelling connects people.

Draw children into the book through their senses and curiosity. Depending on the students' ages, you might:

READ TOGETHER

- Invite children to imagine themselves in the pictures. For each illustration use Crayola's **SEEK**™ Insights tool to read art. Ask, "What do you **See**?" "What makes you say that? What is the **Evidence**?" "Can you **Explain** what you think the artist and author want to tell us?" "What do you **Know**? What do you want to know?"

CREATE and PRESENT

- Have children imagine several places they would like to visit. Have them research, illustrate, and write about these special places, then share their ideas with one another.
- Stories can be told through poems, letters, personal narratives, or mysteries that unfold. Ask children to write a poem, or a text in another genre of their choice, about the special place they imagine visiting.
- Create a hand-drawn book that includes images and words that are important to people you know and want to learn more about. Ask children how they could learn more about the families in your community. How could this hand-drawn book celebrate the countries where community members are from, their favorite music, games, and food?
- Put on a show! Ask children to dramatize the *Sweet People Are Everywhere* story through puppet play, creative movement, or a mini-theater presentation.

RESPOND and CONNECT

- This guide is designed to encourage children's independence and imaginative thought. Use the activities to learn what children are thinking and discover what fascinates them.
- There are great similarities in what humans around the world celebrate as major life events and annual festivals. What celebrations will children study to find and honor these commonalities and rich cultural differences? Teachers, how can you connect these ideas with your curriculum goals?

ADAPTATIONS

- **For younger children:** Celebrate small acts of everyday kindness and the richness of learning about others—our similarities and our differences.
- **For older children:** Identify uplifting examples of humankind's common thread of kindness. Develop a plan for helping people in and around your school cultivate an open, welcoming, and curious atmosphere. How can you spread the messages of kindness and acceptance within and beyond your home or school walls? What might remind everyone to be kind?

COLORFULLY,



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SEEK™

People around the world...

...eat many foods that are similar to the foods you usually eat and some foods that may look, smell, and taste different.

Observe the fish, spices, vegetables, fruits, and beverages seen throughout this book.

What are your favorite foods?

What foods shown in *Sweet People Are Everywhere* are you interested in learning more about or tasting?



Sketch one of those foods and write a song or poem about it.



Children everywhere...

...play games like cards, chess, and soccer.



Try some of the games pictured in the book or design your own. Make up rules if you don't know how an illustrated game is played. Use the playing cards to design your own game, then cut out the cards and use them to play!

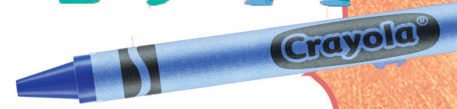
Six blank rectangular boxes arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each box has a dotted purple border, intended for drawing or writing.

*People everywhere
make music.*

Listen and move to music from different countries.

Draw lines, shapes, swirls, and patterns as you hear
the instruments, voices, or rhythms.

Draw a sketch that shows the energy and beat of the music.



*In your own
community*

There are people from all over the world who live in your own community!

Draw yourself being welcoming and curious, eager to learn about others. You can add your friends, family members, and community members to this scene.



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Reflections

My Ideas:

The pages in *Sweet People Are Everywhere* that I found **most interesting** are:

My **favorite activity** based on this book was:

Here are some new ways I will try to **express kindness** and **explore global connections**:

Questions to Ask a Friend or Family Member:

Which pages in *Sweet People Are Everywhere* were **most interesting** to you? Why?

What was your **favorite activity** based on this book? Why?

What new ways of **expressing kindness** and what **global connections** will you explore?
