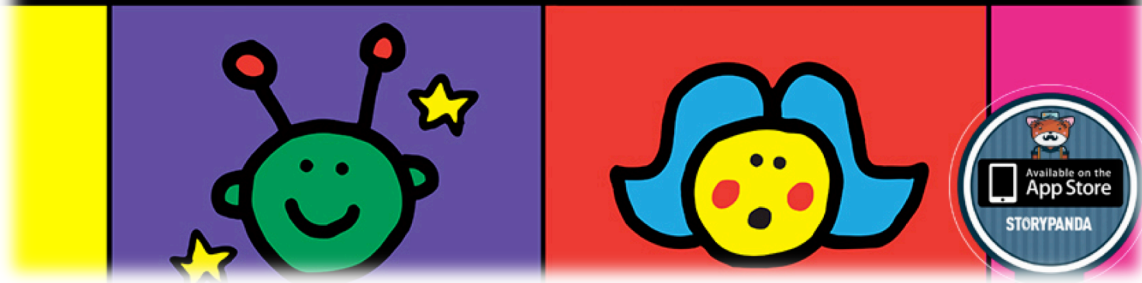


# It's Okay to Be Different

TODD PARR



## CLASS PROJECT

Grades: K to 2

### Overview

This lesson plan calls for the class to create their own class version of It's Okay to Be Different story together. The Todd Parr classic is a story about the many ways people can be different. On each page the create function allows students to choose different props and characters.

### Learning Outcomes

Students will learn about the many ways people can be different. They will also exercise their creativity.

### Materials

- iPad
- Projector or Smartboard
- It's Okay to Be Different available from the iTunes store
- Set of number cards (up to 27)

### Suggested Steps

- Explain the concept of differences amongst people and introduce the story. Explain that together as a class you are going to create a story.
- Pass out a numbered card to each student.
- In the top right hand corner of the story press the paw button and then select "Create."
- Read the story pausing after each page. Call out the page number and ask the student with the corresponding number to come up and select which prop or character they would like by tapping the pencil icon on the iPad screen.
- Note: If there are extra pages after each student has created a page, you can create them yourself or get students to vote
- Wrap-up with an explanation of how we need to celebrate and accept differences.

## COMPANY

Storypanda publishes interactive kids books on mobile devices. Kids can create their own stories by swapping in different characters, props, backgrounds and text.

We believe that this type of storytelling will help kids discover more about themselves. Our goal is to help raise a generation of content creators.

We developed our lesson plans with the help of some exceptional teachers and academic researchers passionate about using technology in the classroom.

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### Extension Activities

- Put together a handout that says “It’s Okay to \_\_\_\_\_.” Ask students to fill in the sentence and draw their own page. Put it together to create a class book.
- Download the It’s Okay to Be Different infographic and print it out for the classroom: <http://storypanda.com/its-ok-to-be-different-press/>.
- With a class set of iPads students can share their favourite page with their parents via email.