

Lesson Overview

Cali the Moonlit Mermaid

CASEL Standards:

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS: The abilities to establish and maintain healthy and supportive relationships and to effectively navigate settings with diverse individuals and groups. This includes the capacities to communicate clearly, listen actively, cooperate, work collaboratively to problem solve and negotiate conflict constructively, navigate settings with differing social and cultural demands and opportunities, provide leadership, and seek or offer help when needed.

Academic Standards:

Common Core English/Language Arts Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.2

Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

Objective:

Use relationship skills to demonstrate the ability to work with diverse individuals and groups.

Essential Questions:

How can I treat people who are different from me with respect and kindness?

I Can:

I can treat people who are different from me with respect and kindness.



Mindful Teaching Tips

Learning about other cultures enables students to have more empathy towards people in different situations. It is important to connect this lesson with all of the influential people in the United States who fought for freedom and equality, and those who still do. Use this lesson as a springboard into how we can make the world a better place for all people.

Teachers, there are great class pen pal sites where you can sign up all of your students to pair with a class on the other side of the world in a supervised setting. It's a fun way to explore another culture and make some friends in the process.

Teaching Transcript

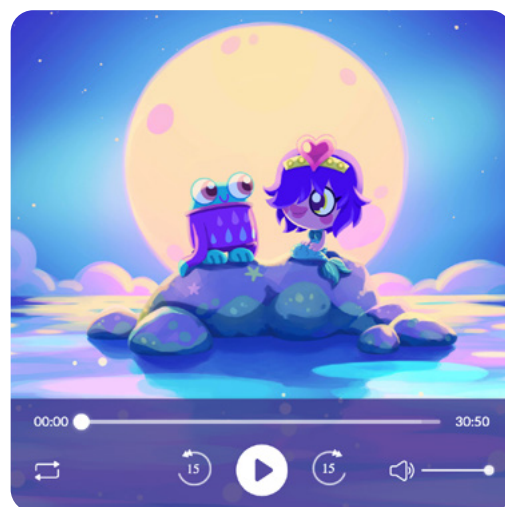
Today we find ourselves listening to the beautiful singing of the mermaids in Potion Ocean. They sit on the starlit rocks and watch the Moshlings playing on the shore. But one mermaid, Cali, doesn't understand why their rules say they are not able to talk to the Moshlings. Cali thinks the Mermaid Law is not right.

- What do people do when they think a law is not right or fair?
- How can people change the laws?
- When have people changed laws that were meant to keep different types of people apart?

After You Listen

Cali broke the Mermaid Law and saved a Moshling from drowning. She risked being thrown out of the Coral Kingdom for her choice.

- Have you ever broken a rule to help someone?
- How does it feel when you have to decide what is right and what is wrong?
- Are there some rules or laws that you feel are unfair to other people?



Home Time Activity

Linton the Mollycoddled Manamana was able to learn about Cali's underwater world because she gifted him the ability to breathe underwater. Lucky for us, we can learn about other people without having to find a way to breathe underwater. A great way to learn about other people from different cultures is to have a virtual pen pal from another country.

Families, there are lots of websites that connect kids to one another as virtual pen pals in a supervised setting. Find one that feels right for your child and let them choose a pen pal. It's learning for both kids as they get to know what life is like for a child in another culture.

Weekly Theme Card

Throughout time, every culture has developed different customs and festivals. While our culture may seem normal to us, to an outsider it may look very strange and vice versa.

The Mermaid Emperor told Linton that he had some "wacky looks." Research clothing and accessories from different cultures. Learn why people dress different ways in different cultures.

Families can go online and find some videos that show the clothing from various cultures. Watch them with your child and spark a discussion about other cultures.

