



Family Activities

Title: **Amazing Grace**

Author: **Mary Hoffman**

Illustrator: **Caroline Binch**

Grace is a little girl who wants to be Peter Pan in the school play. She refuses to give up her dream even though she's a different race and sex than the traditional Peter Pan. Breaking stereotypes and believing in yourself is the theme. Actress Whoopie Goldberg and other women share how they've succeeded in nontraditional situations — like working as a boiler mechanic and playing hockey.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Sing the “I Am Special” Song

Together with your child, sing these words to the tune of the song “Are You Sleeping, Brother John?”

I am special, I am special
When you look, you can see
Someone very special, someone very special
Yes, it's me, special me.

We are special, we are special,
When you look, we can see
Everybody's special, everybody's special
Just like me, just like me.

Make Thumbprint Creatures

What you will need:

- stamp pad and ink
- newsprint or other scratch paper
- pens, pencil, markers, crayons

Help your child press a thumb on an ink pad and then stamp it on paper to make a thumbprint. Have them create a creature by adding features (arms, legs, faces, hats, and so on) using pens or markers.

Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:



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We Are Alike, We Are Different by Cheltenham Elementary School Kindergartners

Two Eyes, a Nose and a Mouth by Roberta Grobel Intrater

Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully

Best Friends by Miriam Cohen