

PRE-K-and Wiggly children

FAMILY TAKE-IT-HOME for DECEMBER 3, 2017

TOPIC: **Birds and Hope** (Ability beyond disability) Unitarian

Universalism Principle #1 Each person is important, #2 Be Kind

(Curated by Soul Matters Sharing Circle and Mary Collins, Children's Coordinator, Unitarian Church in Westport, CT)

Activities on Sunday morning: *Walk outside, Listening for the Birds activity,*

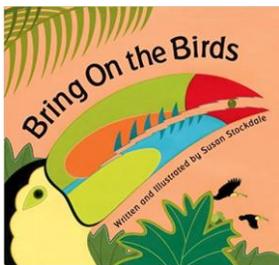
What is in the wonder box? It is a feather! The feather stands for hope.

One Unitarian poet named Emily Dickinson wrote a poem about hope:

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -...



Some of us put birds as ornaments on our Christmas tree. Why is that? It is because we hope for peace and goodwill. We hope that all of us are treated kindly.



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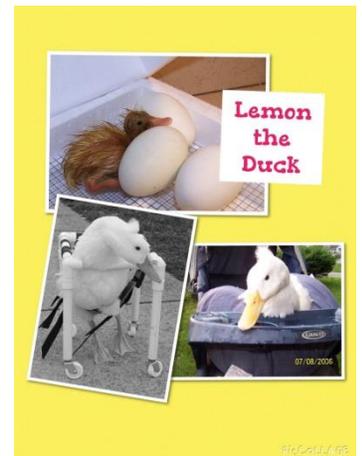
Bring On The Birds by Susan Stockdale (Author and Illustrator) **Gr. Level:** Preschool and up
AND Video (1 minute) of Lemon the Duck's 10th birthday

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SG2o5tPcRIU> – Lemon the duck was born in a classroom, and with the love and ideas of the class and the teacher had some assistance to stand, walk. Lemon is a friend and part of the teacher's family who is loved and appreciated. The teacher even wrote a children's book about their experiences.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Do you have a particular bird that you really like? Why? What do you feel when you see a bird? (*Excited at the unexpected gift? Do you wish you could fly? Or swim or dive? Love that bird's color(s)? There's no one right answer!*)

Do you know anyone who needs help walking or swimming or hearing? (*Does that make you like or love them any less? It shouldn't. Unitarian Universalist Principle #2 reminds us to BE KIND to all beings- including people who may need braces, hearing aids or wheel chairs etc. Everyone has abilities – some are just different. (Principle #1 Each person is important)*)



TAKE IT HOME:

- Share the message that people with obviously different abilities needs each of us (temporarily abled people) to see the person and treat all beings with respect and kindness.
 - Note: If you feel uncomfortable or unsure yourself as to how to do that? Check this out before you have the conversation with your child(ren)
<https://www.wikihow.com/Interact-With-People-Who-Have-Disabilities>
- 8 minutes reading of the book: **Lemon the Duck - Video:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1VKbOpGQA4>

OR Watch the longer video below and 12 minute video of Lemon the Duck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkPVizajKxc&t=463s>