

Lesson Plan for under 10s

Resource – Book ‘The Island’ by Armin Greder

Learning objectives:

- Recognise how people can be treated unfairly because they are “different.”
- Reflect on why kindness and inclusion matter in communities.

Main activity:

Begin with this video to understand the story: <https://youtu.be/hUB1Mzd8PAE?feature=shared>

- Use prompts from the video regarding the book cover to spark initial discussion

At the end of the video ask some other guiding questions:

- How do you think the man on the raft felt when he first arrived?
- How do you think the villagers felt when they saw him?
- Was anyone in the story kind? Should someone have been?
- What could the villagers have done differently?
- Do you think the villagers made a fair choice? Why or why not?
- Have you ever felt left out? How did it make you feel?
- Why is it important to welcome people who are new or different?

Divide into groups:

- Group A acts out the story as it was written (the villagers reject the man).
- Group B creates a different ending (what if the villagers had welcomed him?).
- Which ending do you prefer and why?

Extra activity: children can draw a picture of their preferred ending for the story.

