My Special Talents!
Lesson Plan Introduction

You are Special, just the way you are!

Grade Level: Grades 3 to 6

Curriculum Links: Language Arts; Reading; and Writing

Learning Goal: Students will learn that everyone is unique. They will learn to identify the special qualities and talents that they have, and that their peers have.

Instructional Sequence:
1. As a class, brainstorm the many qualities that a person may have and record those qualities on a piece of chart paper for students to refer to while doing the activities.

2. Hand out the activity sheet for the lesson plan that you selected. Let the students complete the lesson plan, allowing them to become more familiar with the ideas of the book before they start.

3. Once the activity for the lesson plan is completed, give each of the students their unique login name and password for the I Can! Kids website. When the students log onto our site, they will receive simple instructions to answer the questions and to create their own pictures.

Reflection:
As a class, share any ideas and thoughts that will help your class as a whole work towards their dreams and support their peers in the process. Consider using other lesson plans as a reminder for students to believe in that they too are unique and have special qualities and talents that they can contribute not only to the classroom, but to the world!
Move around the room and ask your classmates to sign their names in a square that describes one of their strengths! Fill up the entire board with names and yell BINGO! Remember that each classmate can only sign his or her name once.

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<th>graceful dancer</th>
<th>actor or actress extraordinaire</th>
<th>imaginative</th>
<th>great writer</th>
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<td>compassionate</td>
<td>fast runner</td>
<td>athletic</td>
<td>organized</td>
<td>abilities to build... just about anything!</td>
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<td>loves one or many sports</td>
<td>impressive nature lover</td>
<td>FREE SPACE</td>
<td>future world traveller</td>
<td>patient</td>
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<td>mathematician</td>
<td>easy going</td>
<td>problem solver</td>
<td>celebrated seamstress or darner (knits, sews or crochets)</td>
<td>team player</td>
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<td>great listener</td>
<td>takes great care of younger siblings, a pet or others</td>
<td>good presenter</td>
<td>enthusiastic and positive thinker</td>
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My Special Talents! Crossword Puzzle

You are Special, just the way you are!

**DIRECTIONS:** There are many positive character traits that you can identify in others and in yourself! Use the special character traits on the left hand side to fill in this crossword puzzle!

**POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS:**
- Positive
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- Caring
- Patient
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5 Tom stayed inside and played games with his friend this summer when Alex broke his foot.
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**Crossword Puzzle Answer Sheet**

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Lesson Plan #3
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Venn Diagram Activity

You are Special, just the way you are!

We are the Same and We are Different!

A Venn Diagram shows how two things are similar and different. Create a Venn Diagram based on you and a classmate’s special qualities and talents. What are the similarities and differences?

My Name: ______________________

Classmate’s Name: ______________________

Similar special qualities and talents

Different special qualities and talents

Different special qualities and talents