

JOHNNY P THE MUSICAL

This is a story about a penny named Johnny P living in Moneyville. Johnny P wants to be treated as an equal in his community but Nick L, the nickel, picks on him on for being a poor penny. With support from his family and friends Johnny is able to show Nick L, and later the whole town, that everyone deserves to be treated with love and respect.

Discussion and Activities for Everyone

- Johnny P is teased by Nick L the nickel and he doesn't like it. Have the students talk or write about teasing. What's the difference between a joke and teasing? How does being teased feel? Is teasing always intentional?

- Johnny becomes inspired to stand up for himself after hearing the president talk about equality. Have the students talk about a time when they felt inspired to make a positive change. Who or what inspired them? How can they pass that on and inspire someone else?

Discussion and activities for Younger Students

- The characters of Moneyville are each represented by a different coin or bill. Talk about different forms of currency and go over the value of each coin.

- Johnny P goes to his grandfather for advice when he's feeling confused. Ask the students about times that they've felt confused. Who are people in the student's life that they can talk to and ask for help?

Discussion and Activities for Older Students

- When confronting Nick L, Johnny P uses the words honor, respect, and dignity. What do those three words mean? How can the students show respect to each other, their families, and people in their community?

- The president of Moneyville believes in treating others as you would like to be treated. How is the golden rule an effective solution to conflict? What are other ideas or beliefs that can help make a country a better place?