



Topic: The Possibility of Change 1-20-19 Family Take-It-Home

Message: It is possible to make a difference

Spiritual Focus: The Spirituality of Becoming Whole by Serving Others

Our young children know that it is love which makes the difference. In their uncomplicated world, we love each other and that makes us safe and happy.

Kindness and love make change possible.

STORIES

Videos: **King & King** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11m9camscc>

(note: this video is part of a series "Why I read banned books." This book nor Uncle Bobby's Wedding were listed as available in Collier County Library system) Summary: *King and King* by Linda de Haan and Stern Nyland, 2003. In this postmodern fractured fairy tale, a worn-out Queen is ready for retirement. After much nagging, the Prince, who "never cared much for princesses," finally caves in and agrees to wed in order to ascend the throne. However, no one strikes the Prince's fancy-until he meets Prince Lee. A "very special wedding" ensues! This story illustrates a change - that an adult can marry the person they love no matter their gender expression.

Story In the sanctuary this Week: "A Sea of Pink" by Elisa Davy Pearmain (wait till after Sunday to read it ;-)

In Tapestry of Faith; Sing to the Power, the Power to Shine <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/sing/session9/sea-of-pink>

"Scott was nervous on his first day of junior high school..." Theme connection: the possibility of change, and the possibility of empathy. How youth figured out to defuse bullying in their school.

READING MEDITATION from Soul Matters

To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.

~Howard Zinn

ACTIVITY:

- Look at wedding photos - share memories of your own or those of friends or family members. Note how weddings have changed or are different in other cultures
 - Share first same sex wedding you went to or heard about? When was it?
 - History and where you live impact how a wedding is done, for example:
 - During WW II – some women wore suits or simple dresses during the war.
 - Queen Victoria popularized a white dress in the West.
 - A Hindu Indian wedding lasts at least 3 days, even for a week! From pre-wedding rituals like Mehndi (henna) to the 2-3 hours long main ceremony and finally, the reception, there are a lot of events taking place, some of which you may be invited to participate in (*from Google*)

SERVICE options:

Does your Library have the following children's books? Talk to the librarian and ask for them to show the many forms of love that families talk to their children about and that children may see in their own family. <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/chalicechildren/session14/298421.shtml>

Send Postcards to fellow activists

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5449513ee4b025f84fddfa72/t/5852f276f7e0ab77e001abbb/1481831030997/Love+Notes+to+Organizers.pdf>

Send a postcard of solidarity and support to local organizers. Download and print these postcards on card stock and send them to folks you're building with in your community. ... Families may color & write messages of love together. Regular postage rates apply.

Ripple Kindness Cards <https://ripplekindness.org/get-your-kindness-cards-here/>

Make cards to "Pay It Forward." (good to encourage children with the UU Principle #2 Be Kind