

Title: Be Good to Eddie Lee, David, and Jason

Content Area:  
Language Arts

NC SCOS or Common Core Objective(s): RL.5.9. Comparing stories with same genre and similar themes RL 5.6 compare first and third person narrators RL 5.3. Compare and contrast characters in the two stories

Rationale/Relationship to Text:

David has autism; Jason has cerebral palsy (although the actual diagnosis is never identified in the story by the narrator, Catherine). Children can be introduced through this picture book to a child with Down Syndrome, Eddy Lee. Eddy Lee's sister, Christy (like Catherine), has always been told to be good to her brother. This is not easy, as she does become tired of his following her around, and she runs into peer pressure from Jimbud. The reader does learn of the special gifts of children with disabilities. Overall the book includes sensitive information and topics, so children will need time to reflect.

Instructions/Procedures:

- Read aloud and discuss the picture book, *Be Good to Eddie Lee*.
- Allow children to respond with what they notice, what they are thinking and feeling as they hear the story and see the illustrations.
- Encourage students to share their personal experiences with people who are physically different or who learn differently.
- Ask for similarities between the characters and situations in *Rules* and in *Be Good to Eddie Lee*. Compare Catherine to Christy and Ryan to Jimbob. Compare and contrast the characteristics of Eddy Lee to those of Jason and David using a Venn Diagram.
- Discuss how the illustrations in *Be Good to Eddie Lee* help tell the story.

Google: [Be Good to Eddie Lee film](#) and you will find trailers for a short clip. There will be information about ways to obtain the film.

References:

Lord, C. (2006). *Rules*. New York: Scholastic

Other books are recommended to expand awareness of differences

*My Brother Charlie* by Holly Robinson Peete & Ryan Elizabeth Peete

*Views from Our Shoes* (expands to other disabilities) by Donald Meyer & Cary Pillo

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko