



Hope Toys

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): Age Range: 3+ years

Diversity Themes: Ability/Disability; Race/Ethnicity; Gender; Cultural Differences

Potential Questions/Comments/Games/Activities:

1. Ask your child if they know anyone in their life that has a disability.
 - a. If it is a child their age, do they play with him or her? Why or why not?
2. As you play with the dolls, talk to your child about how they might play with them. Make it realistic and suggest that they do these things with children they may know.
 - a. For example, if the doll is in a wheelchair, what games can you play together? Can you play the same games? If so, how can you modify them so everyone can participate? (e.g., tag, catch, jump rope)
3. Talk to your child about the worlds they create and how accessible they are to the dolls. (e.g., do their stores have ramps?)
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Continuing the Conversation

Why do you think we don't usually see dolls with disabilities on the shelves at toy stores? What dolls do you see? Is there a lot of any kind of diversity in toys? Why do you think this is? How can this be changed? If your child does not want to play with a Hope Toy, ask yourself why? What messages are you sending about disability? What are your own feelings on ability levels? Where do you think you developed these feelings/perspectives?

