

Each and every one of us



Focus

Every one of us is a very special person.



You will need

An ordinary school chair draped with a piece of plush fabric.



Opening

Place the covered chair at the front of the hall, then use the following script to help you deliver the assembly.

Look at this very special chair. Do you like it? It's an important chair for a special person. Now let me see, is there anyone here who would like to come and sit on the special chair?

Choose a volunteer and invite them to come up and sit on the chair.

Sam is sitting on the important chair so he/she must be a very special person.

Make a fuss of the child: ask if they are comfortable; put a crown on their head; give them a plate of biscuits. This will help them feel important and get into role.

Who would like to ask this very important person a question?

Invite questions from the floor. If necessary, give some assistance: 'I expect that Sam has a favourite lesson. Does anyone want to ask him what it is?' Ensure that the children behave appropriately towards a very special person. Sum up the child's special qualities: 'Sam is a very special person. He likes writing stories, is interested in the Vikings, he has a new baby brother and a new pair of shoes!' If you have time, give other children a turn too. Then, look thoughtfully at the chair.

This important chair has allowed us all to get to know some very special children. But it hasn't had enough important children sitting on it. In fact, this is a hall filled with very special children because you are ALL wonderful and important and very special. Wait a minute! What's this? What's underneath this lovely cover? (Remove the plush material.)

Well, who would have thought it! This important chair is a school chair, the kind found in every classroom. That's good because it means that each one of you can sit on an important chair all day, every day. All the staff in the school know that every child here is important and now, when you sit down in your classroom, we want you to remember that you are sitting on your own 'important chair' and you are sitting on it because you ARE important.

Reflection

Conclude the assembly by reminding the children that each and every one of them is irreplaceable and important.

Each of you should feel proud to be the interesting person that you are. We treat important people with respect and thoughtfulness. All of you deserve to be treated like that, which means that we must all remember to be kind and considerate to one another.