

Summer Read-Along Series



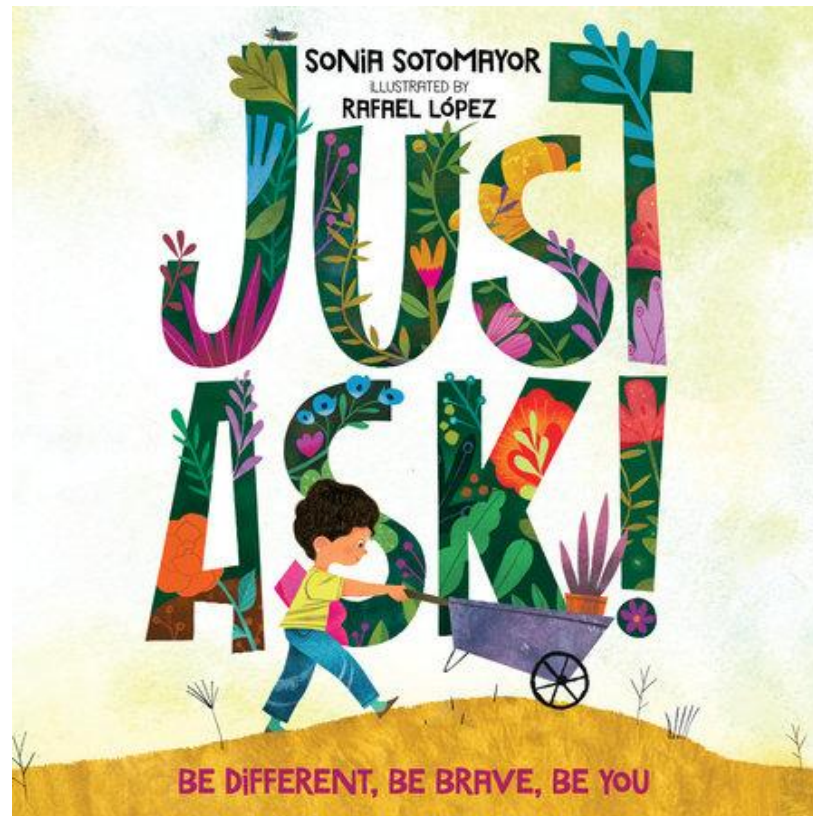
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Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You

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UMC Commitments & Actions

Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Inclusion, and Accessibility:

[Social Principles ¶162.I](#)

“The Social Community:
Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

[Social Principles ¶164.H](#)

“The Political Community:
People with Disabilities”, p 38

“We urge the Church and society to recognize and receive the gifts of persons with disabilities to enable them to be full participants in the community of faith... We call on the Church and society to protect the civil rights of persons with all types and kinds of disabilities.” [¶162.I](#)

[Resolution #3002](#)

“United Methodist Implementation of the United Nations’ Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons With Disabilities and the Americans With Disabilities Act”

[Resolution #3302](#)

“The Church and People With Intellectual, Physical, Psychological, and/or Neurological Disabilities”

[Resolution #3001](#)

“Accessibility Grants for Churches”

Scripture Passages to Check Out

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Luke 24: 36–39

Ephesians 2:10

Psalms 100: 3

Genesis 1:27

Romans 8: 25-28

Isaiah 43:4



Questions to Talk About

1. Are there people in your life like the kids in the story?
2. Why is it important to know the different needs or abilities of plants in a garden?
3. Why is it important to know the different needs or abilities of the people in our life?
4. What makes you different or unique?
5. Who can you go to with questions about differences you may notice?
6. Do you like sharing things about yourself?
7. Why can it be hard to ask people questions or talk about differences?
8. How do you feel when you are excluded? How do you feel when you are included?



ADA Anniversary: July 26

The **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** was signed into law by President George Bush in 1990.

The ADA is a civil rights law. Its purpose is to “**make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.**” (adata.org)

July 26, 2021 is ADA's 31st anniversary!

Types of Disability

Simplified Types of Disability:

- Intellectual/Developmental
Impacts how someone's body, mind, and/or emotions develop
- Physical/Motility
Impacts a person's ability to move around or use different parts of their body
- Sensory Impaired
Impacts a person's ability to use one or more of their senses
- Invisible (Chronic Illness)
A disability that others might not be able to see or notice, but that has a major impact on a person's life and health
- Psychiatric
A mental illness or impairment
- Neurological
Impacts a person's brain and/or nervous system

Types of Disability

13 Types of Disability

Identified by Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ([IDEA](#))

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Emotional Disturbance
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

Join Us Next Week!



**Wednesday,
July 21**

2:00 PM

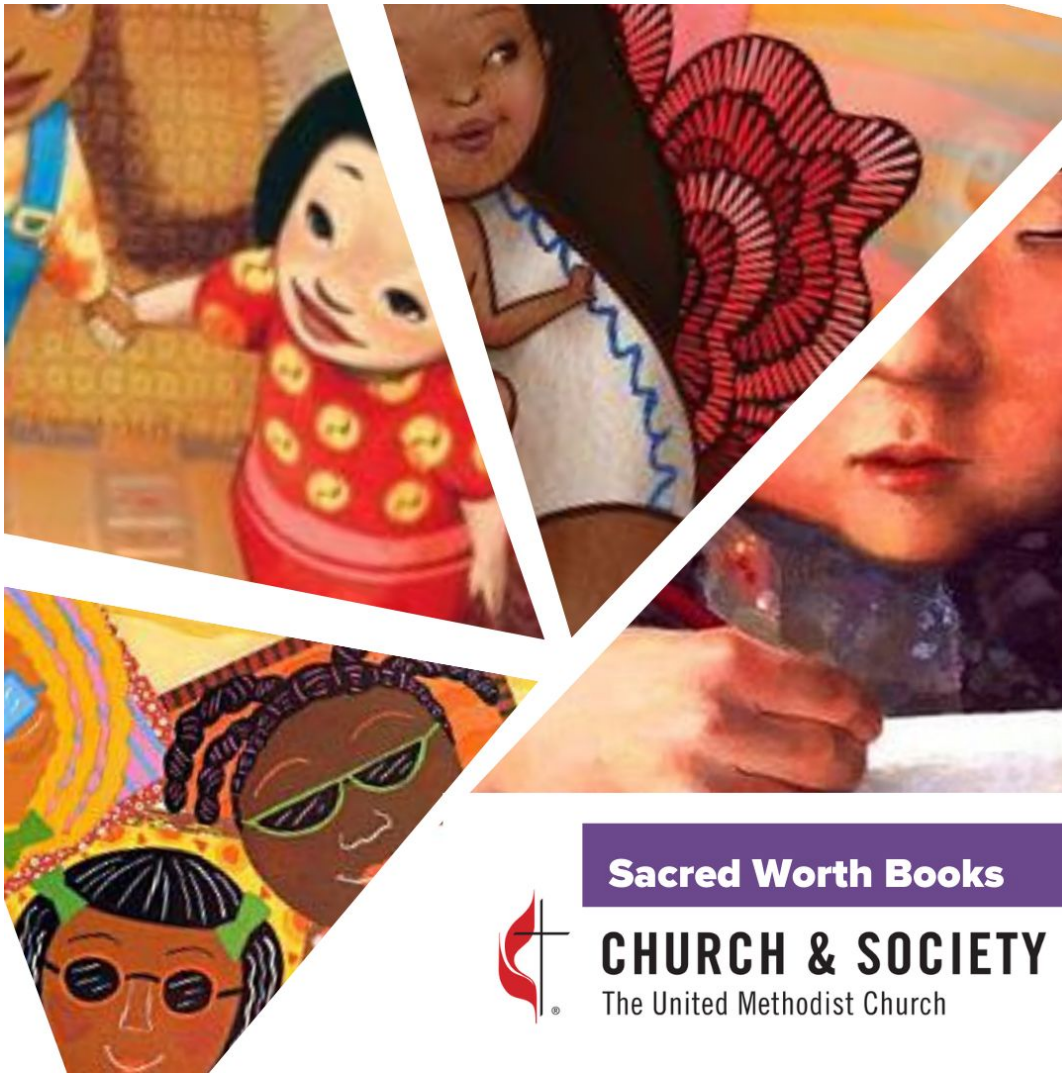
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