



Inclusion: Making a Place for Everyone

Lessons from 'A Boy Called
Hope'

What Does Inclusion Mean?

Everyone is Invited

Inclusion means making sure **everyone** feel they belong. It is not just about being in the same room; it is about feeling welcome and valued for who you are.

Why it Matters

When we include others, we learn about different points of view and make our community stronger. Imagine a puzzle; it only works when **every** piece is included!



A boy called hope

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDcYBwZdHn8>





Meet Dan Hope

A Boy Called Hope

In the book *A Boy Called Hope* by Lara Williamson, we meet Dan Hope. Dan's life feels a bit like a jigsaw puzzle with missing pieces.

Dan is looking for his dad, but he is also looking for a way to fit in with his own family and friends. Dan shows us that even when we feel 'different' or 'left out', we all have a story that deserves to be heard.

Feeling Left Out



In the book, Dan often feels like he is on the outside looking in. Have you ever felt like that? What made you feel better?

Feeling Left Out



You might have said...

A friend asking me to play.

Someone noticing I was quiet and checking in.

Finding a group that shares my hobbies.

How to Be Inclusive Like a Pro

1



Notice Others

Look around. Is anyone alone? A simple 'hello' starts inclusion.

2



Listen Well

Everyone has a story. Ask questions and truly listen to their answers.

3



Celebrate Differences

Instead of fearing what is different, be curious! Our differences make us unique.

Big Hope vs. Small Hope



Dan Hope dreams of a big life where everything is perfect and his family is whole again.



However, Dan learns that inclusion happens in the small moments, like a kind word from his sister.

Barriers to Inclusion

What Stops Inclusion?

Sometimes, things get in the way of making others feel included. These are called **barriers**.

- **Assumptions:** Thinking we know what someone is like before meeting them.
- **Cliques:** Small groups of friends who don't let anyone else in.
- **Language:** Using words that might hurt or exclude people because of their background.



Dan's Discovery

In 'A Boy Called Hope', Dan discovers that family isn't just about who you share a name with.



It is about the people who include you, support you, and make you feel like you belong.

Being a Beacon of Hope



Carrying it Forward

Just like Dan Hope found his way, you can help others find theirs.

- **Speak up** if you see someone being left out.
- **Share** your time and your games with new people.
- **Remember** that every person you meet has 'hope' inside them too!

Well done today, Year 4!