

# Activity Sheet



## ***You Are Special Daniel Tiger***

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Daniel Tiger looks forward to going to school today because Teacher Harriet has planned a surprise. Everyone in the class will be joining in to put on a show. Daniel Tiger and his friends are encouraged to think of something special they can do. Daniel Tiger knows he is good at singing and plans to sing a song on stage, but O the Owl has trouble thinking of something special to do. With a little encouragement from his friends, O the Owl shows us we are all special in our own way.

**Before you read this book:** Daniel Tiger is a beloved character from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. In this book, Daniel Tiger and his friends show us that everyone is special and we all have something we can do really well. Ask the children to name something they do well. They may name things like ride a bike, jump high, run fast, sing a song, or help others. Celebrate the fact we are unique and we are all special.

**While you read this book:** As you read the book, encourage the children to join in the repeated chant as Daniel Tiger's friends take a turn on stage.  
*"Hi \_\_\_\_\_. How do you do? Show us something special that you can do."*

**After you read this book:** As a group, gather some wooden blocks to make your own stage. Now it's time for the show. Everyone has something special they can do. Have the children take turns standing on the stage and sharing something they do well. Invite all the children to join in the chant from above. Celebrate each child by saying, "There's nobody quite like you! I like you just the way you are."

**At home:** A child's family plays an important role in building their sense of self-worth. One of the most important things you can do is foster their independence and help them find skills and tasks they can do successfully. When you acknowledge and appreciate your child's abilities, you foster their self-worth, enabling them to accept challenges and work cooperatively to solve problems in the future. Is it time to give your child a new responsibility or to introduce them to a new task? Every accomplishment builds future success! Your child is special, celebrate that fact every day!

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