

The Golden Rule: Class Book



After discussing, thinking, and acting out situations using the Golden Rule, students will write a sentence or a paragraph, and illustrate it, to describe the way they like to be treated. Each student will share their writing with the class, and the pages will be bound into a class book.

Preparation:

1. If you wish to use the cover (included on page 5), run it off on photo paper (for best quality), cover stock, or heavy white drawing paper.
2. Choose which writing page best suits the needs for your grade level (pages 2-4). Run that page off on copy paper, one sided, one page for each student.

Golden Rule Class Book:

1. In a group circle, have children share examples of ways they like to be treated. Discuss the concept long enough to generate a number of ideas, which are written on the white board. You may want to do this over a period of a few days to allow everyone a chance to contribute.
2. Give each student a piece of writing paper and have them write a sentence, or paragraph, explaining a specific way they want others to treat them this year at school.
3. Allow time for the children to illustrate their writing.
4. Over a period of a few days, allow each student to read their writing, and allow the class to act out scenarios related to the ideas expressed, or discuss the items, as appropriate.
5. After all the students have shared their writing, bind the pages together to make a class Golden Rule book. (You could use the letter size Golden Rule poster for the cover (file 2a), if you wish, use the cover included on page 5, or have the students illustrate the cover with drawings or photographs.)

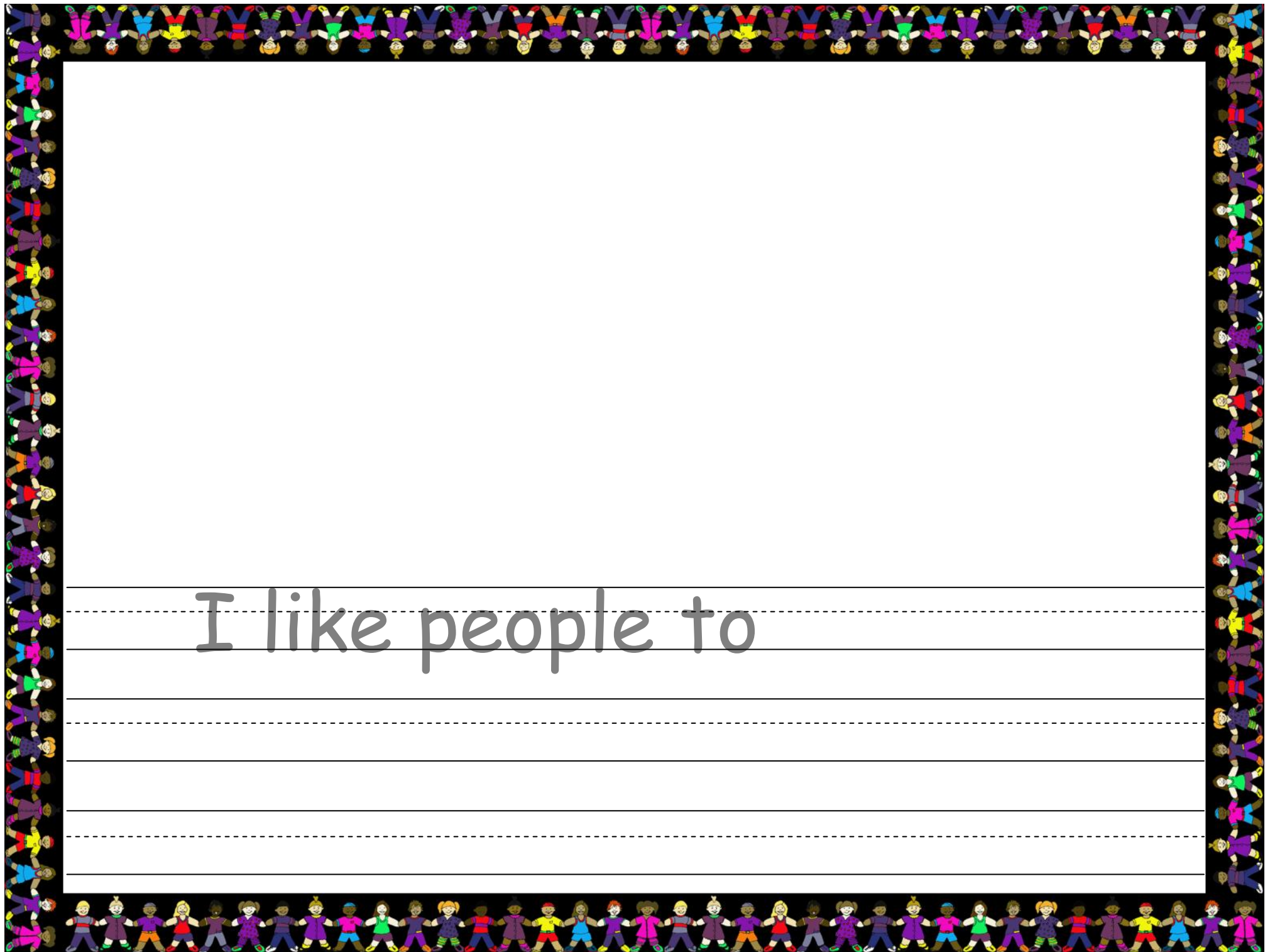
After the Lesson:

Place the book in your classroom library.

Read the book to the class from time to time throughout the year.

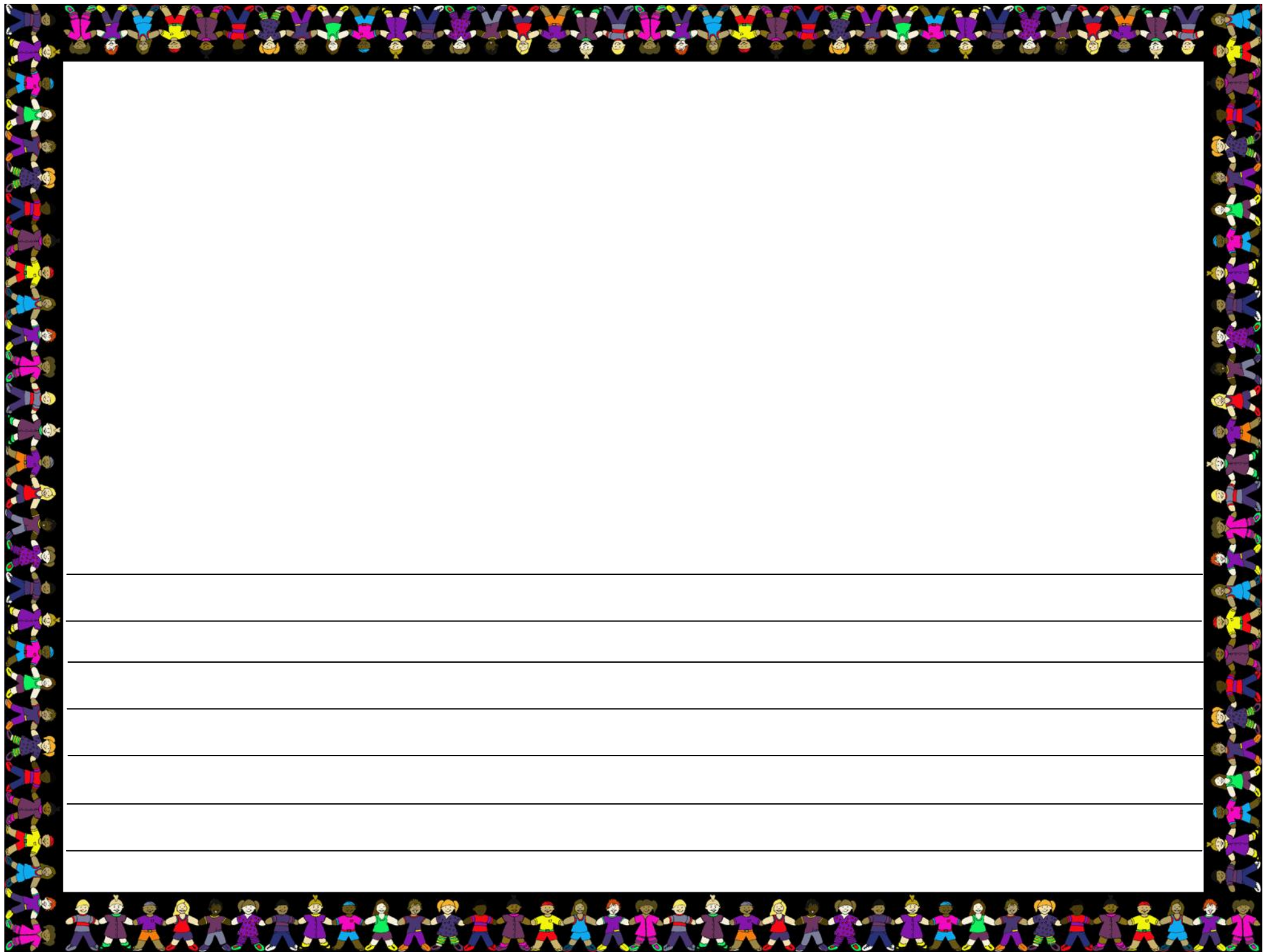
You may wish to have each student add another page later in the year, or as part of a behavior management plan.





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