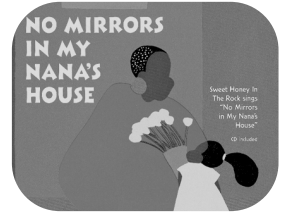


NO MIRRORS IN MY NANA'S HOUSE by Ysaye M. Barnwell



Text Connections:

Grade 1 – Unit 3 Theme: Jesus Christ

Grade 2 – Unit 3 Theme: Jesus Christ

Summary: A girl discovers the beauty in herself by looking into her Nana's eyes.

Background for Teacher: This book works well with lessons on cultural diversity, family, identity, life, and love. This book also includes a CD on which the author reads the text and Sweet Honey and the Rock sing the song.

Initiating Activities

1. Ask students how many mirrors are in their homes.
2. Ask students if they know another word for Nana.
3. Listen to the song on the CD.

Critical and Creative Thinking

1. Where did the little girl see beauty in everything?
2. What were some of the things the little girl didn't know because there were no mirrors in her Nana's house?
3. Why do you think there were no mirrors in her Nana's house?
4. Pretend there are no mirrors in your house. How would life be different?

Responses:

1. Give students a variety of geometric shapes in different colors. Instruct them to create an abstract work of art by gluing the pictures onto a sheet of black construction paper.
2. Write a class acrostic for Nana's House using phrases from the story or ideas the story generates.

No mirrors
Always sees good in others
No hate
Art is colorful
She's special

Honey on the rock
Outside is magical
Uh! Oh! I can't see myself!
Sun rising in her eyes
Everywhere beauty