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Character

I have a dream that one day, we'll live in a nation,  
where men will not be judged by the color of their skin,  
but by the content of their...

\*\*Character, character, that's what we should strive for,  
Building character, character  
That's what that little voice is for.

1. The little voice inside your head, tellin' you which road to take,  
Helpin' you know what to do, and which choices you should make. \*\*
2. Character is made of different things, it can be honesty, courage, respect.  
But wisdom is knowin' which to use, and which one to neglect. \*\*
3. Every day, there's choices to be made, well it seems our destiny.  
You gotta think of the future, and about your history. \*\*
4. Building one takes lots of bricks, one brick for every day.  
Some are good and some are bad, you gotta stack them either way.\*\*, \*\*

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## Kid of Quality

\*\*Who wants to be a kid of quality, doin' good things for all the world to see, I know the kind of kid you wanna be, you wanna be...a kid of quality.

1. Don't try to take me down the wrong road, I won't be selfish, mean and cold... 'cause hurtin' others is not for me, I'm a kid, a kid of quality.

I take turns, and I try to be fair. If you need anything, I'll be there. I like myself, and my friends like me, I'm a kid, a kid of quality. \*\*

2. If somebody needs help in school, the teacher calls on me, now isn't that cool. She knows that she, can count on me, 'cause I'm a kid, a kid of quality.

When I do my homework, I take my time. I try to get it right and make it look so fine, because my work's a reflection of me, I'm a kid, a kid of quality. \*\*

3. When you come over to my house to play, I don't always try to get my own way. I'll share my stuff, and you'll agree, I'm a kid, a kid of quality.

I do my chores, and I don't complain, take out the trash in the pourin' rain, because it's my responsibility, I'm a kid, a kid of quality. \*\*

4. Now, I don't mean to boast or brag, 'cause showin' off is such a drag. But I'm proud of my abilities, I'm a kid, a kid of quality.\*\*

He wants to be...a kid of quality.

She wants to be...a kid of quality.

We wanna be...kids of quality!

Mary and Mindy

Mary and Mindy were sisters, who got up, one Saturday.

Saw the list of chores, Mom gave them for the day.

But Mary, she said, "Cartoons are on!", and slumped into the couch.

But Mindy, that girl, got right to work, 'cause Mindy, she was no slouch.

She vacuumed, dusted, took out the trash, changed the cat litter, too.

She wanted some fun, later that day, and knew the list wasn't goin' away.

But Mary sat in front of that tube, 'till she finally got bored.

And played with her dolls and her kitten, but still didn't touch her chores.

Mindy went to the movies, and then to the park with her friends.

But Mary was pouty and crabby. Her stubbornness had no end.

She spent the day moaning, and feeling so depressed.

Then slowly got her work done, then showered and got dressed.

She said to Mom. "Time for the movies. See, my work is done."

"Mary," Mom said, "Have you lost your head? It's 10:30, and time for bed."

So kids, let Mary and Mindy give you a lesson today.

If there's chores you dread, do them early in the day.

You'll be free, no worries or cares, so play in the sun.

For your work is done, and you have time,

For friends, laughter, and fun!

## Do You Know the Difference?

1. At school, they talk about character, but it can be a confusing word, with more than one meaning to think about. I'll give you examples to clear up your doubt.

The word character can be used to mean, someone on the stage or on your TV screen. They're playing a part to entertain you. They can make you feel happy, or make you feel blue. \*\*

\*\*Now, do you know the difference, between bein' one, and havin' some? Knowin' the difference, can help you on your way.

2. I crack jokes in class just to hear the kids laugh, and sing like a rock star, when I take a bath. I tie my shoes together, to have a little fun. My Dad always says, "You're a character, my son." \*\*

3. But I know the best kind of character to be...the one who's honest and trustworthy, compassionate, caring, and hard-working, too. That character sounds a lot like you. \*\*  
(\*\*repeat at end)

Katy Webster

## Self-Control Blues

1. I woke up this mornin', and got on the bus.  
Those kids were a'screamin', I joined in the fuss.  
Bus driver was angry, and he let me know.  
That's why he made me sit alone in the front row.\*\*

\*\*I got the Self-Control Blues, I gotta keep myself on track.  
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'Cause when I lose that self control, life is no fun, and that's a fact.

2. The bell was a'ringin', I sat at my desk.  
The teacher asked questions, to review for a test.  
I shouted out answers, my hand wasn't raised.  
She acted like I wasn't there, not once did I get praised. \*\*

3. My stomach was growlin', was time for lunch.  
That line started formin'. I ran to the front.  
A'pushin' and shovin', was how I got it done.  
The teacher sent me to the end, for pushin' to be number one. \*\*

4. Got my act together, by the end of the day.  
Went out on the playground, and started to play.  
I followed the rules, and had a blast.  
I think that losin' self-control is all in the past.

5. Oh, no more Self-Control Blues. I got myself on track.  
No more Self-Control Blues. I got myself back on track.  
'Cause when I keep my self-control,  
Life is fun, and that's a fact. (repeat)

## Wisdom

\*\*Wisdom comes from generations, wisdom comes from time.  
Wisdom comes from experience, wisdom can be mine.

1. Wisdom comes from generations, I've seen it with my eyes.  
I've heard the voices coming to me, from far and wide.  
Sometimes they're from authors, sometimes they're from parents, too. \*\*
2. Wisdom comes from generations, I've seen it with my eyes.  
I've heard the voices coming to me, from far and wide.  
Sometimes they're from across the world,  
sometimes they're from right next door. \*\*
3. Wisdom comes from generations, I've seen it with my eyes.  
I've heard the voices coming to me, from far and wide.  
Sometimes they're from grandparents,  
sometimes they're from friends like you. \*\*

Damon Beiter

## Respect

Respect, you've got to have respect, your prospects will be wrecked,  
if you don't have respect.

1. Respect for brothers and sisters, too, respect for those who take care of you,  
respect for friends old and new.

Respect, you've got to have respect,  
and get that attitude checked,  
you've got to have respect.

Respect, you've got to have respect,  
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Respect, you've got to have respect,  
and get that attitude checked,  
you've got to have respect.

2. Things in life aren't always fair, you'll win sometimes  
And lose your share, but respect should always be there. \*\*

Damon Beiter

## Who Did I Help Today?

1. It's been a long day, and you're tucked in bed.  
Your pillow feels soft, as it cradles your head.  
Now before you go to sleep, you don't need to count sheep.  
Just let this question into your mind creep. \*\*

\*\*Who did I help today?  
Did I lend a hand in any way,  
to someone in need,  
did I do a good deed?  
Who did I help today?  
Who did I help today?

2. Did you listen to a friend who called to say,  
"I'm down in the dumps, I've had a bad day."  
Did you let him know you'd always be there,  
To understand, and to say "I care." \*\*
3. When your teacher was carrying too much stuff,  
did you open the door, did you help enough?  
When someone in the lunchroom dropped her tray,  
Did you help her out, and brighten her day? \*\*
4. Now what kind of person do you want to be?  
Are you full of compassion and charity?  
Think about all the kind things you can do,  
and ask yourself before your day is through... \*\*

Katy Webster