

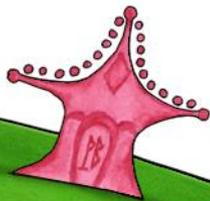
My Princess Boy: A Tale of Acceptance



What We Can Do To Include Others

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Worldwide Reactions

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Parent accepting child	Too young to decide
Supportive/anti-bully	Exploitation
What would I do?	Culturally wrong



“I AM a Princess Boy Mommy!”

- Soft Redirection – Girls are princesses, NOT BOYS!
- Daycare Play
 - Red Dress/Yellow Dress
- Doctor’s verdict: healthy and happy boy who likes pretty things
- Dkobe at Halloween - my turning point
Why can’t you let him be happy?
- Needed tool to not crush his spirit
 - Journal entries became book
 - Never asked for agreement, but acceptance



You Can Do Anything

- Acceptance is accepting a person for who they are
- Difference = Discomfort
 - Ask yourself
 - why am I uncomfortable?
 - Then ask:
 - Is it harming anyone?
- Move beyond the “secret”
 - Talk, and keep talking
 - Conversations change society



My Favorite Page – WE are Community



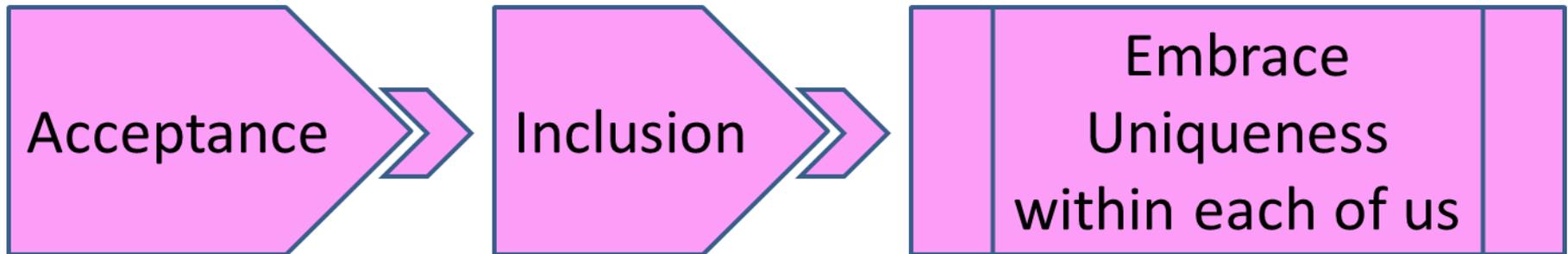
My Princess Boy

is your Princess Boy. 

We are ALL on the Acceptance Continuum

- Be kind to yourself
- Meet others where they are on the continuum
 - Learn to recognize and CHALLENGE the need to categorize, compartmentalize, force outcomes/endings

The Ultimate Goal...



Acceptance Champions - Change Agents

The Acceptance Champion is someone who lives positively and shares it, embracing the uniqueness of those who feel different, are different and express themselves differently. They are:

- Courageous enough to say something positive in a situation
- Stops negativity by standing up for the issue, not the person as a bystander does
- Consistently keeps an open mind



Today – My Princess Boy is 8

- Dresses, Sparkles, Pinks and Purples dominate his life still
- He mitigates negativity with
 - “If you don’t like me in a dress, then you’re not my friend.”
- Lives with Acceptance Champions around him
 - **Try to catch positives**
 - Pause, listen, force yourself to hear the “nugget”
 - **Meet A Person Where They Are**
 - Acceptance is fluid, and goes both ways

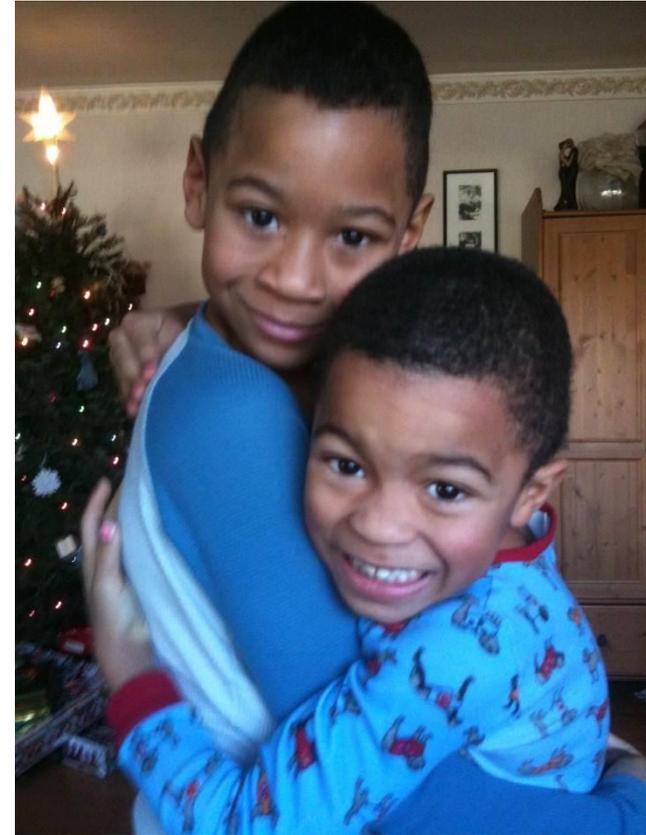
How Many Lives Are Saved with ONE simple Acceptance Champion comment?



If you really listen...

...you just might hear
something
that will
change your life.

Thankfully – Dkobe, an
ACCEPTANCE CHAMPION,
spoke.

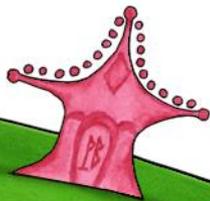


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Thank you.
To Acceptance!

