



Disagreeing **In a Kinder Way**

Easy at-home Jewish learning from the ISJL

BIG IDEA: What Does it Mean to Disagree Kindly?

Disagreement within Judaism is not a new concept. In fact, it is encouraged in some circles. But, there are some important rules, like how to do it kindly while taking the other person's view and perspective into account.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aL9pok2a41o>

STORY: *Nerdy Birdy Tweets*

A story by Aaron Reynolds, *Nerdy Birdy Tweets* explores the friendship of two birds who disagree on many things, and how they work to keep their friendship strong. A reading of the book can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqXtcFd3y6w>

ACTIVITY: Try it At Home!

Try creating a stop-motion video that demonstrates how to kindly resolve disagreements. Perhaps you have a disagreement about what TV show to watch, who gets to use the family tablet, which music to listen to, or which board game to play. Download the easy-to-use app to make your story come alive at the following link:

<https://www.cateater.com/>

DISCUSSION: Are All Fictional Villains Really Evil?

While watching TV or a movie, try to put yourself into the villain's shoes. While they usually seem evil with no good inside of them, villains often have their own thoughts and feelings that cause them to do what they do that we can relate to. Make a list of villains and their motivations. Try for a moment to think about what you would do differently if you were them, and how you might settle the disagreement without escalating or making the problem worse. You can explore a lesson plan that considers whether Superman is actually "super" at the following link:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/superman-really-that-super-990.html>