How can we honor and respect the differences among those in our community?

BIG QUESTION

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**Maze**

Help the polar bear find his friends.

**Knock, knock!**

Who’s there?

Doris.

Doris who?

Doris closed, that’s why I’m knocking!

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Water

Who’s there?

Water who?

Water you doing later?

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Canoe

Who’s there?

Canoe who?

Canoe come over to play?

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