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LOTTERY TICKET

Grades: All (modify for different ages, as needed)

Time: 5 minutes

Materials: One lottery ticket per participant (plus one for the leader), each with the number 413 769 written on it

Relevant Subjects: Social Studies and Language Arts

Preparation: To create lottery tickets, fill an 8" x 11 ½" sheet of paper with the number 413 769 and cut them up. Place these under the chairs or desks of each participant.

1. Ask participants how many of them feel they make a difference. If all of the hands go up, congratulate them. If all of the hands do not go up, tell them you have a guaranteed method for determining who does make a difference.

Pertinent information: Participants do not know that they all have the same number!

2. Share that they all have a lottery ticket under their chair (or desk). Share that when you read the number aloud, the person who has the number that you call out should stand up and celebrate that s/he makes a difference.

Everyone makes a difference!

3. Lead a discussion about what it means to "make a difference." Does "making a difference" have a positive or negative connotation? Why/why not?

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