



Tikkun Olam

(Repair the World)



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What does Tikkun Olam mean?

- “Tikkun olam” is a Hebrew concept which can be translated as “Repairing the World”.
- This is a core Jewish idea, that humans have a responsibility to make the world a better place.
- Tikkun olam is an idea for everyone, not just Jewish people. It teaches us to care for people, protect the Earth, and work together to do what is right.



Discussion

How was the song written?

- Electric Umbrella works with hundreds of schools all over the UK and during a music workshop at Kisharon Noe School, the idea for “Tikkun Olam (Repair the World)” was born.



Discussion

How was the song written?

- Its message of healing and unity is one that everyone can understand. It strongly aligns with Electric Umbrella's own values of kindness, inclusion and equity, so we wrote a song about it...



Discussion

Let's look at the lyrics and explore what they mean...

- "We cannot heal what's broken on our own.
And we cannot close our eyes, we've got to make
it known that...We can Believe in Better"
- At times, it can seem like the world is broken and divided.
- It feels overwhelming to try and repair it,
but we can't just ignore it.
- Humans have the power to make changes
that can heal and improve the world for everyone,
but we need to work together.



Where do we start?

- “If we look inside us, deep enough, then we will see the kind of kindness that we need.”
- Hate is born from fear, ignorance and the de-humanising of others.
- Every person, regardless of their disability, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, transgender identity wants and deserves kindness and respect.
- We are all different from one another (there’s no such thing as normal) but by accepting those differences, having honest conversations about those differences and treating all people with kindness, tolerance and respect, we can try to create a happier, more hopeful world.



How does Electric Umbrella try to repair the world?

- “Together we make a space, so that the people around us can go at their own pace, and we can let hope surround us.”
- We seek to unite and inspire through music – creating environments where learning disabled people can express themselves, find community and show their potential.



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- Our ethos of belonging and respect can be applied to all areas of society.
- We sing about the superhero power of the smile - bringing joy and connection to those who can get overlooked because of their disability or difference. With joy comes hope, optimism and perseverance, which benefits everyone.



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- The use of Makaton aids communication and understanding within our Electric Umbrella community. Isn't clear communication and understanding what the whole world needs?
- Our adapted instruments are accessible and appealing to more and more people. Isn't it a wonderful thing to make changes that will benefit everyone?



Why should we bother?

- “Just take a look outside and you will see that we’re a part of an all inclusive sky, full of stars”
- We’re all part of the same world. What we do and say has an impact on the lives of other people.
- Everyone has a part to play in looking after our world and making a better future.
- We all deserve to feel like we are valued and that we belong.



Discussion

What small steps can we take to repair the world?

- Remember that our actions and attitudes affect other people and their lives.
- Make everyone feel welcome at events and groups.
- Smile at someone to show you see and care about them.



What small steps can we take to repair the world?

- Take time to learn about people who are different from you and the challenges they may face.
- Offer to be an ally to someone who feels misunderstood or left out.
- Stay hopeful, positive, and motivated to help.
- Don't judge people before you get to know them and understand who they really are.



Creative Challenge:

Try the following with your class!

In groups, have a discussion about what small steps you could each take to try and “repair the world”.

Come together as a class to create a banner/floor book entry/video that collates the ideas together

Why not swap your creations with those from other classes and see what ideas they came up with?
Are there any similarities? Any differences?





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