GARFIELD
A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES

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Educational DVD Teacher Guide

Background

This educational DVD, designed to complement the accompanying activity sheets, invites students to take Garfield's challenge and "walk a mile in my paws." Along the way, students will discover that we're all alike "under the fur," and as Garfield sees it, life is like lasagna: "a rich mixture of different ingredients, and altogether satisfying." With an entertaining storyline of trading places and two very different social situations, basic lessons of self-worth and the importance of diversity are reinforced. The DVD is divided into three parts with pauses for discussion between each segment. Drawn from the Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment DVD, *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*, students are taken on an animated adventure by a familiar character with a great message. As you prepare to share the DVD with your students, consider the following overview and activity suggestions for classroom use.

Overview

The expanded story of *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*, tells of our hero trading places with a counterpart, the Prince, who lives in a castle in London. While the Prince enjoys all the privileges of wealth and society, Garfield comes from a very ordinary background and hangs out with his owner Jon Arbuckle and Odie, the dog. In England, the Prince is handed down a magnificent castle by his recently deceased Aunt Eleanor, where all of the animals can now live. The Prince has a nemesis, the evil Lord Dargis, who has plans to turn the castle into condominiums and has schemes against the Prince. In due course, he captures the Prince and throws him in a river. Meanwhile, back in the United States, Jon is planning to marry his girlfriend, Liz, which Garfield thinks is a very bad idea. When Liz and Jon leave on a trip to London, Garfield and Odie smuggle themselves along to prevent any possibility of romance. Eventually, the Prince's loyal butler, Smithers, comes across Garfield, whom he mistakes for the lost monarch. Back goes Garfield to the castle where he discovers it is good to be the Prince! Meanwhile, Jon stumbles across the real prince, and assumes he's Garfield. Voila, the switch! Both characters assume the other's role, walk in each other's shoes, and are better off for the experience. Needless to say, Garfield and Dargis, the animals have a castle [illegible] comes out enlightened [illegible] his rightful

Segment 1

Using footage from the DVD, this segment escaps key dialogue that not only helps form the story but emphasizes ideas and imagery that helps students understand the distinctions between Garfield's world and that of the Prince. As this segment comes to its conclusion, the narrator introduces the idea that "we're all alike under the fur," and that to understand someone else, sometimes it is necessary to "walk a mile in their paws." What follows is the realization that we all see life differently and so each of us has a special perspective and story to tell. In a sense, life is like a lasagna: "a rich mixture of varied ingredients that come together in interesting ways, from different places." As you pause after the first segment, label three large pieces of construction paper with individual titles: "Life is Like Lasagna," "Walk a Mile in My Paws," and "We're All Alike Under the Fur." Assign students, in groups of four, to one of each of these titles and ask them to think about what these titles mean to them. Appoint one group member as the recorder to record the key messages of their group. When the entire class reconvenes, invite each of the groups to share their thoughts which you can paraphrase and record on the classroom charts. Consider breaking into groups again with different topic assignments if you see additional ideas bubbling up in your students. Reading a story about different groups of people or nationalities coming together to solve problems would be an excellent way to tie all of these thoughts of shared purpose and vision together.

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2. Did you use any of the reproducible activities in the activity booklet? ☐-Yes ☐-No
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Walk a Mile in My Paws
Student Activity Booklet
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2 Super Me!

Garfield's not shy about how special he is. In fact, he thinks he's super. We all know about superheroes — just normal people like us but with extra special powers. Draw yourself and your "super" self in the two boxes below.

What would your super powers be? (Remember to think about what you are good at already and make it that much better.)

How might you use your super powers to help others?

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1 What Makes Me Special?

All people have very special talents that make them unique. Imagine that our friend Garfield is telling his buddies about you: one cool cat! What else would he say?

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Letter to Educator

Dear Educator,

What would happen if your students could trade places with someone else, either a historical or current personality? What might that teach them about differing perspectives, a period of time, cultural diversity, or how they fit in to the larger scheme of things? A hundred years ago, Mark Twain popularized these concepts in *The Prince and the Pauper*. Twain's classic story is now retold in the Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment DVD *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*. This educational activity program is designed to help your students reflect on what makes them unique, and then use these reflections as building blocks to compare themselves with others and create a global context. Using a series of engaging activities introduced by Garfield, the class will imagine themselves as superheroes, research historical characters, and engage in writing, social studies, and science extensions which together emphasize a recurring theme in this program: "Walk a Mile in my Paws."

Included in this teaching kit are:
- A DVD for classroom use that emphasizes "we're all alike under the fur" and that diversity is what enriches us
- An activity guide which will allow you to engage students and extend the ideas presented in the classroom DVD
- Six activity masters for classroom use plus a teacher's guide with suggestions for implementation and extension
- A colorful teaching poster from the new DVD release from Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*

Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment is proud to sponsor this program to promote self-awareness and self-esteem among your students, and to help make them aware of the similarities and differences that make all of us special.

Sincerely,

Stephen James
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