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Books for Toddlers:

Why am I me? by Paige Britt, ©2017. (ADVANCED, Britt)
It’s okay to be different by Todd Parr, © 2001. (GROWING, Parr)

Books for Preschoolers:

Can I play too? by Mo Willems, © 2010. (ER WILLEMS)
Last stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, © 2016. (STORIES, de la Peña)
The smallest girl in the smallest grade by Justin Roberts, © 2014 (GROWING Roberts)
My friend is sad by Mo Willems, © 2007. (ER WILLEMS)
The fox wish by Kimiko Aman, © 2017. (STORIES Aman)
Stick and stone by Beth Ferry © 2015. (FAVORITES Ferry)
Pass it on by Sophy Henn © 2017. (GROWING Henn)
One by Katheryn Otoshi © 2008. (GROWING Otoshi)
Same, same, but different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw, © 2011 (ADVANCED Kostecki-Shaw)
I’m new here by Anne Sibley O’Brien © 2015 (ADVANCED O’Brien)

School-Age Extension:

Looking like me by Walter Dean Myers, © 2009 (GROWING Myers)

Fingerplays & Songs:

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The more we get together (Raffi)
The more we get together
Together, together
The more we get together
The happier we'll be
'Cause your friends are my friends
And my friends are your friends
The more we get together
The happier we'll be

The People in My Neighborhood
via https://www.jocolibrary.org/kids/storytime-blog/all-kinds-jobs-preschool-storytime
Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood
In your neighborhood, In your neighborhood.
Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood,
The people that you meet each day.
Oh, the Policeman is a person in your neighborhood,
In your neighborhood, in your neighborhood.
The Policeman is a person in your neighborhood,
A person that you meet each day.
Add verses with other people in the neighborhood; Doctor, Teacher,
Come a look a see
(learned from Krissy years ago, adapted to include choose your own family members)
Come a look a see, here's my ______.
Come a look a see, here's my ______.
Come a look a see, ______ tall, ______, ______.
I love them all
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Fingerplay: “Heart”
I put my hands together,
This is how I start
I curve my fingers right around,
And I can make a heart!
Credit: Perpetual Preschool

Action Rhyme: “I Can Hug”
I can hug, hug, hug
I can hop, hop, hop
I can kiss, kiss, kiss
I can stop, stop, stop
I can nod my head for yes,
And I can shake my head no,
And I can sit down very slow.
Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

Action Song: “Let’s Be Friends” *(Tune: London Bridge)*
Let’s be friends with one another
One another, one another
Let’s be friends with one another
Let’s be friends today
(You can sing with a friend, you can shout with a friend, you can hum with a friend, you can jump with a friend, you can clap with a friend, you can hop with a friend)
Credit: Step By Step – Friendship Theme
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Big Book: please feel free to add; I couldn’t find one in time!

Flannel Boards:
Brown bear, brown bear
A good day
shoes from grandpa
dog and bear

Prop Stories:

Movies:
Those shoes

Stamps:
heart, caterpillar, butterfly, smile

Craft:
Write or draw a letter to give to someone else to brighten their day!

Early Learning Tip:
Point out differences! Point out cultural differences when reading picture books. When exploring those differences reinforce that “different” and “weird” are not the same thing.