

# Wacky Zacky's Hate Debate

**Objective:** Using Wacky Zacky Bugs Out as a springboard, students will explore the complex nature of hate, understand its impact, and learn how negative emotions can be transformed into positive actions promoting understanding and kindness.

## Pre-Activity:

### 1. Read the Book:

- As a preparatory step, read "Wacky Zacky Bugs Out" by Tarana Peaches and Henrique C. Rampazzo. This will provide the necessary background and context for the discussion on hate and kindness.

## Main Activity:

### 2. Introduction to the Debate:

- Reiterate the quote: "Hate," Dad begins, "sometimes makes us do wrong..." and brief the students on the significance of this quote in the context of the story.
- Introduce the debate topic, explaining that students will explore different perspectives on the complex nature of hate and how it can be transformed into understanding and kindness.

### 3. Forming Debate Teams:

- Divide the class into two teams for the debate (for larger groups, consider more teams). Each team will take opposing viewpoints regarding the nature and outcomes of hate as illustrated in "Wacky Zacky Bugs Out":
  - Team A: Argues that hate is always harmful and counterproductive.
  - Team B: Argues that strong emotions, including hate, can sometimes lead to positive realizations or actions.

#### **4. Research and Preparation:**

- Allow time for each team to gather information supporting their viewpoint. Encourage them to think of real-world examples that reinforce their arguments.
- Teams should prepare opening statements, key points for debate, and rebuttals.

#### **5. Conducting the Debate:**

- Set clear rules for the debate, such as time limits for each speaker and the order of speaking.
- Promote respectful dialogue through word choices and listening to different viewpoints.

#### **5. Discussion and Reflection:**

- After the debate, lead a discussion. Encourage students to reflect on what they learned and how the debate might have changed or reinforced their views on hate.
- Discuss the importance of understanding different perspectives, and how empathy and kindness can be powerful responses to negative emotions.

#### **6. Follow-Up Activity:**

- Have students complete Zacky's Dad's unfinished advice on hate in their own words, starting with: "Hate sometimes makes us do wrong..."