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Grades: Pre-K– 5, March 2009 Book of the Month – **My Choices Make Me Who I Am**  
Author: David & Mutiya Vision; Illustrator: Ignacio Alcantara: Genre: Realistic Fiction  
Core Virtue: *Diligence* - Working hard without giving up in a careful, consistent manner

### **DURING THE READING**

#### **STORY SUMMARY:**

The important lessons on making choices in this book include the value of listening, good planning, controlling your emotions, and accepting responsibility. You can enjoy each moment. Each point includes an example showing how a child might apply the concept in his or her everyday life. This is a great book to help children understand that they can make good choices in life when they take advice, listen, and deal with their own issues.

This book lends itself to encourage a child to be all they can be, not to get discouraged when things don't go their way, and to look inside ones-self to respond peacefully when others make them mad.

#### **BLOOMS TAXONOMY**

1. **KNOWLEDGE**: What are some of the major lessons in the story?
2. **COMPREHEND**: How would you differentiate between wanting being liked or respected by others?
3. **APPLY**: What other ways can you demonstrate making good choices?
4. **ANALYZE**: How is making good choices connected to success?
5. **SYNTHESIZE**: Rewrite some of the saying or lessons from the story.
6. **EVALUATE**: State one of the lessons in book. It teaches a lesson. Tell what you think the lesson in the text might be.

#### **VOCABULARY WORDS**

- \*Choices – pick, select, decide-on,
- \*Behavior – actions, manners, conduct,
- \*Journey –trip, travel, ride, voyage, passage,
- \*Accomplishment-achievement, success, triumph
- \*Goal-aim, purpose, objective, aspiration

#### **BEFORE READING**

Show students the front & back cover of the story, as well as read the title& author. *“The rewards or consequences in life depend on the decisions we make”*. *“A good plan, determination, and faith are keys to my success”* Have you heard any of these words or sentences before? Can we see how we can apply these words or ways into our lives?

#### **AFTER READING**

Did the lesson in the story relate to any life experiences? Have you ever encouraged someone?

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Pre-K & Kindergarten?"	Have students write a good choice they have made in the palm of a hand.
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Tell 5 things you learned while reading the book, or 5 good choices you have made.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Write about a time <i>you spoke with respect and an adult listened to what you were saying</i> .
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Write about a time when <i>you controlled your emotions and how that controlled your behavior</i> .
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Write about how good planning, determination, and faith are a key to success.
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	If you had to choose between being liked or respected, which one would you choose? Why?