

Grades 4-5

The Fair Housing Five & the Haunted House

Samaria and her friends like everything about their clubhouse except the haunted house across the street. But when Samaria and her mother need to find a place to live, they realize they are dealing with a much bigger problem than ghosts or monsters. Join the Fair Housing Five as they work together to take creative action against housing discrimination in their community. *Approx. 25 minutes*

Discussion Questions

FHCWM staff will encourage students to share their thoughts about the book will engage students with questions about the books characters, discrimination, and equal opportunity. *Approx. 20 minutes*

- **How would you feel if you were in Samaria's place? Sad? Angry? Confused?**
- **What did the landlord do? What do you think about that? Is what he did fair?**
- **How did he treat the family with kids? How would the story be different if the landlord had rented to this family?**
- **How did he treat the woman?**
- **How did he treat the man and his service dog? Was the dog just a pet?**
- **What is the word used in the book that means taking away opportunities from someone or treating them badly just because of who they are?**
- **How do you think discrimination feels?**
- **How do you think housing discrimination could impact your family? Your neighborhood? Your school?**

This is Discrimination

After a review of the definition of discrimination, students will write about discrimination and draw a picture of what that means to them. Children will be encouraged to share their definitions and drawings. *Approx. 20 minutes*



This is discrimination:

It is unfair because...

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for students to write their responses to the prompts above.