

# This is Where I Belong

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### BUILDING BONDS THROUGH DIVERSITY

Hello my name is Tariq or in Arabic it's طارق

Have you ever heard of Yemen? Well I was born in Yemen. Yemen is a country in the Middle East. Yemen is where people talk Arabic and its way different than the United States. Something different is that Yemen uses the metric system. Most of my country is Muslim. Muslims are important because they pray and read Quarn. Sometimes it's hard to follow Ramadan's rules because you can't drink or eat during school. I study English in school days but in weekends I have a teacher that lets me study Arabic. I used to know a lot of Arabic but now I know a lot of English. It's hard to keep them balanced in my head.

I help a lot of kids to learn English and I use my hands to show them what to do in class. I help them where stuff are in the classroom and the school. Ms. Kite helped me with English so I decided to help Paul. He's a new classmate from Venezuela. I think one day he would help someone with English, too. I'm proud of being a helper.

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