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Character Counts Essay

Which side of the road do you like to drive on? Respect is a two way street, and you have the power to drive on that road. If I were a superhero of respect, I would want to teach people how to be courteous, kind and treat others the way they want to be treated.

As I'm flying through the city, I spy a man walking through a door to a store. There is another man behind him, and the door closes quickly. I zoom to the ground and walk up to the first man. I explain to him the power of being courteous to others and holding the door for the next person. The man remembers that he forgot his power to be courteous and apologizes to the other man. As the superhero of respect, I know I did my job.

Leaving the store, I keep my eye on the city. I am looking for anyone who is not kind. A few blocks over, I notice a boy fighting with another. I quickly jump in between them to prevent the fight. The two boys stop. I listen to their issues giving support to each. I tell them that you must be kind to one another and accept diversity. Not everyone has the same opinions. Fighting is not the answer. They agree to stop fighting and find a solution. I leave as they are shaking hands. My job here is a success.

I continue to fly through the city. I find a boy teasing another boy in a school yard. The one boy is teasing the other for playing basketball poorly. I immediately step in. I explain the Golden Rule. They should always treat each other the way that they would want to be treated. They listen quietly, and then the boy apologizes to the other. I have saved the day again!

As the superhero of respect, I know that respect always wins. When people are courteous, kind, and follow the Golden Rule, the world is a better place. I am always willing to help others and spread respect.