THE STORY OF DOT

AIMS
• To understand the value of diversity in the group and recognise the worth of all children, young and old, boys and girls.
• To identify discrimination as something which hurts everyone.
• To encourage empathy and the ability to put oneself in the other's shoes.

NECESSARY MATERIAL

EXTRA MATERIAL
• Safe to learn. Learning in a protective environment. Activities and resources for an education in children's rights and global citizenship. A guide to every child’s right to protection from all kinds of violence. Available at: www.unicef.es/educa/biblioteca/a-salvo-en-la-escuela

Preparing the activity
Show the children the video The story of Dot. The story of Dot is about a very small, very special school boy called Dot who feels very insignificant. Here are a few questions to guide the session:

1. Who is Dot? What is Dot like? What good things can you see in Dot?
2. What is Dot's school like? What makes it special?
3. What are the letters like? How would you describe them?
4. Are Dot and the letters good friends at the beginning? What's the matter? How does the situation make you feel?
5. What do the letters discover? What do they do about it?
6. How does the story end? Do you think it’s a good ending?
7. What would you do if something like that happened at your school?

Being small is not the same as being insignificant, just as being different does not mean being less valuable than others. This activity aims to make the children aware that being small is actually a very big thing and that everyone is valuable.

#EndViolence
Join the international UNICEF campaign to end violence. Celebrate Universal Children’s Day in your school by creating a pro-peace and kindness vaccine. Find out how at: www.unicef.es/educa/buentrato
APPENDIX: A colouring-in worksheet

[Image of stylized text with the word "apprentice" and related drawings.]