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### **Children at the Well Project**

I am glad I had the chance to participate in this project, it was a good way to learn about different cultures and faith traditions. I learned what steps to take in perfecting my story and storytelling skills, and that it is important to put energy into your story. Also, after this project, I realized that storytelling is a way to learn about one another because we can share our experiences with each other.

Before this project, I had learned about different faiths, but had never met anyone with a different faith than my own. I enjoyed this project because it opened me up to all kinds of new people and friends with different faiths traditions like the Muslim, Hindu, and Jewish traditions. I liked listening to the guest speakers and their stories at the end of our meetings. I felt that I learned more because I had the opportunity to ask them about their own faiths.

I was surprised at how the other kids were as eager as I was to learn about different faiths and I was glad to answer their questions about the Roman Catholic faith. Also through our stories we realized the similarities that we all share. After this project I am more confident at telling and sharing stories. It felt good to share my story at the performance after all the work I put into it.

I would like to be involved with this project again because it was really fun- Mary and Marni were great storytelling coaches- and I think now that I have more respect for people who are storytellers and people of different faiths.

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