



## DON'T JUST SAY NO! Be open-minded.

The Secret Millionaires Club is figuring out the best gift wrap for its holiday business. At first, Radley doesn't want to listen to Elena's and Jones' unusual gift-wrap ideas. But, as Warren explains, managers in successful businesses need to respect others' opinions. The Secret Millionaires Club learns that business owners should be open to alternatives and consider them seriously to succeed.

### Being open-minded can lead to success in life.

**Ask kids:** Why was Radley not receptive to the ideas of Elena and Jones at first? Why is it sometimes difficult to be open-minded? Can you describe a time when you kept an open mind? What did you learn from that experience? How does being open-minded and staying positive help us grow and succeed?

### **Demonstrate how being open-minded helped you.**

Help kids learn why it's important to practice keeping an open mind. Provide an example from your own life in which being open-minded led you to enjoy something new, learn something, gain a unique perspective, or better understand someone else's opinion.

### **Activities:**

1. Have kids come up with a creative way to wrap presents, like Elena and Jones did. Let individuals or pairs pitch their present-wrapping ideas to the club, and ask group members to offer positive comments about the pitches.
2. Use taste, sound, and sight to promote being an open-minded thinker. First, have club kids try a new food or beverage (check allergies in advance). Then, play some music that's new to club members, such as classical or jazz. Finally, have kids look at and respond to interesting or abstract art, such as that of Jackson Pollock or Romare Bearden. Afterward, discuss each experience and whether kids developed different perspectives.
3. Being open-minded can help us think creatively. With kids, make a list of other ways to stimulate creativity, such as keeping a journal, doing puzzles and brainteasers, or taking a nature walk. Then tell kids to put some of the activities into practice!

**Tip:** Keeping an open mind helps build an appreciation for new things. Encourage kids to try new activities. For instance, kids might want to play chess, take up a new instrument, practice juggling, or learn how to do a handstand. Point out when club members are being open to new experiences or ideas and discuss how it feels.

