



Little Kids, Big Hearts Podcast

A Social and Emotional Learning Podcast for Families

Little Kids, Big Hearts is a podcast, produced by Sparkler Learning, which can help parents and educators introduce big topics in social and emotional learning to children (ages 2-9 years old). The podcast, which is hosted by Todd Loyd, an early childhood educator, explores what it means to have a big heart and how to grow one. In each episode, kids join with Todd to talk about an important topic in social-emotional learning and to go on an imaginary journey together to the Land of Qook-a-Lackas (a special land where people can share their feelings).

In its first season, Little Kids, Big Hearts raised issues related to: Feelings, Identity and Belonging, Friendship, Empathy, Cooperative Problem Solving, Back-to-School, Helping Others; Standing Up for Others, and Global Citizenship. In the second season, which started in October, 2022, LKBH is continuing to help kids discuss important issues of the "heart."



The host of Little Kids, Big Hearts, Todd Loyd, has worked in education for 27 years. Todd started his career as an actor, director, and artistic director. He became a teacher after the life-changing experience of working one-on-one with a child living with autism. He currently teaches preschool in New York City and also serves as his school's Social and Emotional Learning Coordinator for the Early Childhood Division.

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