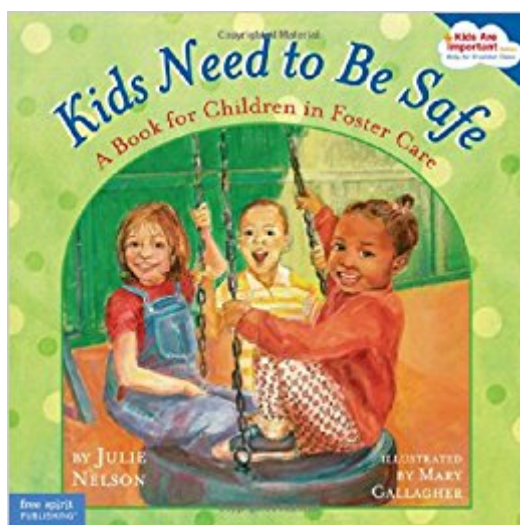


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# Kids Need To Be Safe: A Book For Children In Foster Care (Kids Are Important)



## Synopsis

“Kids are important” They need safe places to live, and safe places to play. For some kids, this means living with foster parents. In simple words and full-color illustrations, this book explains why some kids move to foster homes, what foster parents do, and ways kids might feel during foster care. Children often believe that they are in foster care because they are “bad.” This book makes it clear that the troubles in their lives are not their fault; the message throughout is one of hope and support. Includes resources and information for parents, foster parents, social workers, counselors, and teachers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 10 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 5

## Customer Reviews

Pres-Grade 1 Meant to reassure children in foster care, this accumulation of short, declarative sentences stresses the importance of being safe. The illustrations show a multiethnic cast of kids and adults, some in positive situations and others in more stressful settings. The first half of the book discusses, in the briefest possible terms, why kids end up in foster care, and the second half talks about foster parents and other adults in supporting roles. There is virtually no transition from one thought to the next, giving a random feel to the text. With only 10 spreads, the extreme brevity alone imposes some limits. Still, the information presented seems arbitrary, at best.

One entire spread is devoted to the statement, Usually moms and dads take good care of kids and keep kids safe. If the audience for the book is truly the one stated in the subtitle, why emphasize what these children's parents have failed to do? The rather ordinary paintings are weakest at reflecting facial expressions. A brief but helpful informational message for adults is appended, giving tips on helping foster children work through their difficult emotions, and a list of adult resources is also included. The book does offer validation of a living situation that affects thousands of children in the U.S. each year and explains it in a straightforward style, albeit with mediocre results.

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There are so few foster parent resources out there, and this book reaffirms the mantras we try to instill in our kiddos' heads. Kids are important. Kids need to be safe. The illustrations are beautiful and show a diverse array of children and situations as it walks through why a child may need to live with relatives or in a foster placement. Kids need to be safe, and being able to read this with your child as you would any other story gives new context and makes these kiddos see that they are not wrong or weird or so different. All kids need to be safe. All kids deserve the chance to thrive. Make sure to check out the resources in the back of the book as well!

The pictures were nice, but this book was not as good as I expected at all. Every page just has one short sentence and then "kids are important, kids need to be safe". It is VERY repetitive. There is also a passage that while good INTENDED, it caused an emotional meltdown that still occasionally pops up in conversation with my adopted daughter. There is a bit that says "All parents love their children even if they need help taking care of them." My daughter stared at it for over an hour and is still struggling with understanding whether or not her birth mother abused her out of love, and if she did really love her because the books said "all parents love their children". This really was a foolish thing to put in a book for some children who probably, don't all have parents who love them. If you want a good foster care book, get The Star.

This is a great book. My niece is in foster care and after reading this book it made her understand things. I highly recommend getting this book if you have a small child in foster care.

Bought this book as a way to prepare our 3 1/2 y/o foster daughter for her move to a new family. We were able to draw similarities between the kids in this book and her. The book (with a few others) helped us have some very difficult conversations in a way she could, at least partially, understand. We kept repeating the mantra "you need to be safe." I reason I gave it 4 stars is some of the concepts seemed to be over her head.

This is one of the perfect books for children in Foster Care. This helps them to understand so much more and how important they are. They learn to repeat, Kids are important, kids need to be safe. I have actually bought several of these and highly recommend this book.

Great for kids in foster care

All foster/ professional parents need this book. It would also make a great addition to classrooms, cps offices.

Very good read for foster families.

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