

# New Disney Show Teaches Preschoolers About 'Microaggressions'

A new episode of the Disney Junior show *Rise Up, Sing Out* reportedly includes a song teaching its target audience—preschoolers—about “microaggressions.”

The purported scene, shared by the Twitter account Libs of TikTok, features one character expressing surprise over another character having “darker skin” than his mother.

“Hey, Gabriel, I didn’t know that was your mom,” said one child. “Your skin is so much darker than hers.”

That’s when the scene pivots to another girl who says, “Hold it, did that comment make you feel uncomfortable? That’s a microaggression.” After being asked what that means, she continues, “A microaggression is when someone says or does something that makes you feel bad, sometimes just because of your race. But you know what? He’s wrong. You should be proud of your skin. It’s what makes you, you!”

The central theme of the song is encouraging minority kids to “speak up” or “walk away” when others—in the song, only white people—ask questions or make uncomfortable comments.

*Rise Up, Sing Out* airs on Disney Junior, which targets 2- to 7-year-olds.

The entertainment brand describes the series as “an animated show featuring music-based shorts that showcase an inspiring, empowering and optimistic message about race, culture, community, and celebrating differences.”

As for this particular episode, the song ends with this line: “We can change the narrative.”

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