

# TEACHING TOLERANCE



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## Ageism Survey

Directions: For each item below, circle “true” if you agree with the statement or “false” if you disagree with it. Then use the key on the bottom of this page to score your survey.

**Old people are always much weaker than young people.**      TRUE      FALSE

**All young children are silly and never have serious opinions about anything.**      TRUE      FALSE

**Senior citizens forget things and get confused a lot.**      TRUE      FALSE

**Kids can't be trusted to do things on their own.**      TRUE      FALSE

**Older people are terrible drivers!**      TRUE      FALSE

### KEY

ALL OF THE statements above discriminate in some way against people because of their age. If you circled “true” for most of the statements, you may hold some want to reflect on your attitudes about age. Go back and reread each statement and think about how you would feel if you WERE the age of the person described.