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# ENGAGING OUR FAITH THROUGH MEDIA



The Faith Formation Team of Mosaic Mennonite Conference has created a study guide for the comic *It's a Bird!* for teens and young adults to engage with the issue of prejudice and racism in the United States. Access *It's a Bird!* Here: <https://www.dccomics.com/blog/2020/09/09/dc-proudly-announces-represent-new-digital-comics-from-underrepresented-voices>



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## IT'S A BIRD!

### STUDY GUIDE

In DC Comics' *Represent!* #1, Jules, a young Black man with an interest in birds receives the binoculars from his father, who claims they have special powers. And they do: the binoculars show Jules a parade of faces along with each bird he spots: Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and other Black men and women killed by police. At one point, while walking through the park, a white woman letting her dog run wild reacts violently to Jules' request for her to leash it. The comic is inspired by the real events that happened to Christian Cooper in a NYC park in May 2020.

*For this discussion, invite the youth to read the online comic book ahead of time before entering discussion.*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If your group is not big talkers, have them turn to a neighbor to talk about their thoughts on the comic book or respond to the first 2 questions. This will allow time for them to process a bit in their own directions before discussing as a large group.

1. Share a time when you felt out of place.
2. Have you ever felt judged for the way you or the color of your skin? If not, what do you think that experience is like?
3. After reading the comic, why do you think she responded the way she did? Do you think the woman's actions were fair or not? Why?
4. How many of the stories at the end of the comic did you know? What are ways you can learn more?
5. Read Psalm 106:3, Proverbs 21:5; 28:5. How are justice and righteousness connected? Why does God want us to live justly with others?
6. What are you willing to do to work for racial justice?