Read Aloud Lesson based on the book

*I Voted! Making a Choice Makes a Difference*

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*I Voted!* explains the powerful process of making decisions. From choosing if you would prefer ice cream or cookies, to choosing who you would like the next President of the United States to be, we all play a very important role when we vote. Find out how you can be involved when it comes time to vote, what to do if your choice doesn’t win, and why making a choice matters most of all. After reading or listening to *I Voted!* (check YouTube for a read aloud), answer and reflect on the questions below.

1. Have you ever voted on something? What were you voting on? Did your choice win the vote?

2. Why is voting for smaller things now, like what your class pet will be, important practice for voting for bigger things later in life?

3. Have you ever heard the adults in your life talk about voting? Did they think it was important or not important to vote? What do you think?

4. What are the four ways the book talks about that you can be involved in voting, even if you are still too young to vote? Have you ever tried any of these four things?

5. Did you know that there used to be laws to keep people of color and women from voting? Some people fought very hard to change these unjust laws, and eventually, they were
changed! Why do you think people fought so hard to make sure everyone can vote? Why is voting such an important right for everyone to have?