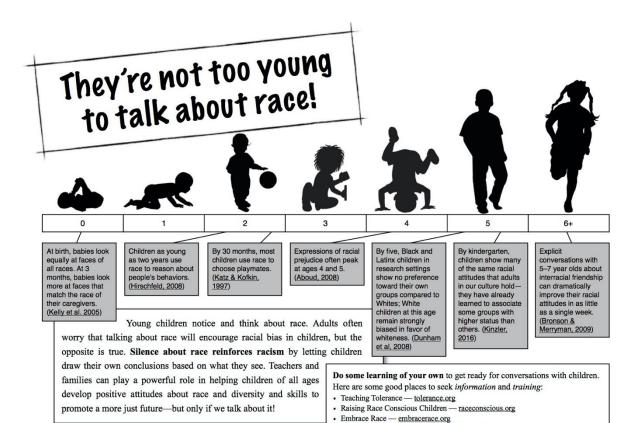


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TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT RACE AND DIVERSITY

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Kids are sponges and absorb what they are taught, what they see and what they hear. It is important to show them all the cultures, races, abilities, and differences that exist in our world. We hope this list of toys, books, and informative resources helps you create an inclusive environment.

INCLUSIVE PARENTS

• Teaching for Change — teachingforchange.org

Fortify Community Health (CA) — fortifycommunityhealth@gmail.com
 Delaware Valley Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (PA) — dvaevc.org

AORTA Cooperative — <u>aorta.coop</u>

- Teach their kids that people matter more than skin color
- Make sure their child's library is racially diverse
- Share movies and shows featuring people of color with their kids
- Talk about privilege and what it means

ANTI-RACIST PARENTS

- Teach their kids that skin color deeply affects how people view us
- Intentionally include books that go beyond slavery + the civil rights movement
- Use media to point out examples of racism + stereotypes
- Give children contextual examples of their privilege, like being able to shop without being followed

ecurious.parenting

Toys: Use toys that represent various cultures, races, and ethnicities to help your child learn about them!



Constructive Playthings Wooden Community Helpers, Set of 25 Pieces for Block Play



Family Builders Set normanandjules.com



People Colors Crayon Lakeshore, Crayola also has a set!



Sushi Slicing Wooden Play Food Set melissaanddoug.com



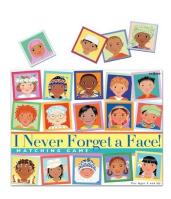
Hijab Dolls with Purses Etsy



Little People Big Dreams
Matching Set
crateandbarrel.com



Friends with Diverse Abilities Figures Target



I Never Forget a Face Matching Game Amazon, Eeboo



Barbie Fashionistas Doll With Vitiligo Walmart



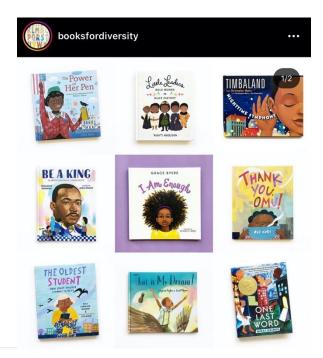
Constructive Playthings Swaddle
Culturally Diverse Babies and
Matching Pockets
Amazon

Books: Books are great to help teach children about serious and important topics! You can also use books to show diverse characters! Children should see people like themselves reflected in books, as well as cultures and backgrounds they do not see in their daily life.



Children's Books About Diversity That Celebrate Our Differences!

Bookriot.com



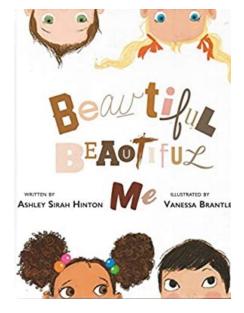
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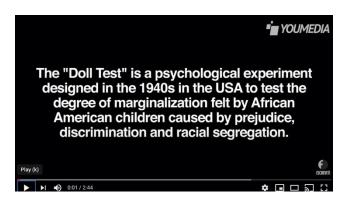
Youtube Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ln altG5N8nE



Check out: Happytoddlerplaytime.com

For Parents: You can watch this video on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRZPw-9sJtQ



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