

Resources for Racism Education for Children

Books

“14 Children’s Picture Books Exploring Race and Racism,” <https://humaneeducation.org/blog/2014/14-childrens-picture-books-exploring-race-racism/> by Marsha Rakestraw from Institute for Humane Education. Children’s literature.

“Book Suggestions: Multicultural and Diversity,” http://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/Book%20Suggestions_0.pdf from Education World. This list includes both fiction and nonfiction about Asian, Hispanic, Native American, and African American themes.

“Knowing Our History to Build a Brighter Future: Books to Help Kids Understand the Fight for Racial Equality,” <http://www.readbrihtly.com/books-to-help-kids-understand-the-fight-for-racial-equality/> by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich on Brightly. The books on this list go beyond the big names and symbols of the Civil Rights movement.

For Families

“60+ Resources for Talking to Kids about Racism,” <https://bouncebackparenting.com/resources-for-talking-to-kids-about-race-and-racism/> by Lorien Van Ness. This article lists books, media, activities, and toys for use with children and is broken down by age groups, from babies and toddlers through age 12.

“ADL Resources for Educators, Parents, and Families,” <https://www.adl.org/education-and-resources/resources-for-educators-parents-families> The Anti-Defamation League has a wealth of good resources on topics about prejudice. Of particular interest to families and teachers would be their page, “Table Talk: Family Conversations about Current Events,” <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/table-talk> , which would also be a great resource for Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders as well. Each topic gives a basic overview of a current event, some definitions key to the topic, questions to get a conversation started, and suggestions for action.

“Research Based Advice on Teaching Children Not to Be Racist,” <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2012/04/research-based-advice-on-teaching-children-not-to-be-racist/255736/> by Hans Villarica in *The Atlantic*. A brief article for parents based on research about how children learn about race and diversity. The authors give five practical tips on how to raise less prejudiced children.

“Talk Justice: Race,” <http://lisavanengen.com/2015/05/04/talkjustice-race/> by Lisa Van Engen. Check out this blogger’s post on conversation starters for your family and ways to take action.

For Teachers

“Six Activities Exploring Prejudice and Discrimination,” <https://humaneeducation.org/blog/2014/6-activities-exploring-prejudice-discrimination/> by Marsha Rakestraw, from Institute for Humane Education. Lesson plans for helping elementary through high school students explore the concept of prejudice.

“Starting Small,” <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/film-kits/starting-small> a FREE training kit from the Southern Poverty Law Center. It’s designed to help early childhood educators teach tolerance in their classrooms. The SPLC has a lot of other free resources for older classrooms, too: <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/film-kits>

“Teaching about Race, Racism, and Police Violence,” <https://www.tolerance.org/moment/racism-and-police-violence> on the Teaching Tolerance website. This page lists links to a great many articles and stories for teachers on why addressing topics of race and racism matters.

