

After looking through and researching many different kids church curriculums, it's clear that there are not many resources to use in churches to teach about race. Despite the lack of resources, by remaining silent and not being intentional about discussing issues of race and racial tensions, we are implicitly teaching children in our ministries that it isn't important to stand up against racial prejudice and discrimination.

Young children notice and think about race. Adults often worry that talking about race will encourage racial bias in children, **but the opposite is true.** Silence about race reinforces racism by letting children draw their own conclusions based solely on what they see. *Families can play a powerful role in helping children of all ages develop positive attitudes about race and diversity and skills to promote a more just future—but only if we talk about it!¹*

Feel free to check out these resources we have compiled to help you in your discussions at home!

Videos to watch:

Be Boldly Anti-Racist Racism is wrong! Jemar Tisby's How to Talk to Kids About Race A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory Extra Video Resources

Articles to read:

Anti-Racism for Kids: An Age-by-Age Guide to Fighting Hate Talking with Children About Racism, Police Brutality, and Protests How to Talk About Race with Your Kids Why You Should Teach Your Kids About Racial Reconciliation Racism and Violence: How to Help Kids Handle the News

List of children's books about race and diversity:

<u>13 childrens books about race and diversity</u> <u>Black Lives Matter Instructional Library</u> - read-aloud video links - 30 books in English, 6 in Spanish, curated by Phoebe Defino

Websites for some good places to seek information and training:

Teaching Tolerance — <u>tolerance.org</u> Raising Race Conscious Children — <u>raceconscious.org</u> Embrace Race — <u>embracerace.org</u> Teaching for Change — <u>teachingforchange.org</u>

¹(http://www.childrenscommunityschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/theyre-not-too-young-1.pdf)