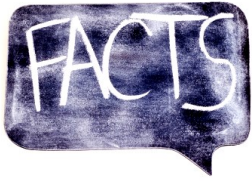




# AIM: PEOPLE WHO LOOK DIFFERENT

**OUR TARGET:** It's time to let our kids know that everyone has great worth as a person, even if they look very different than us. Let's be good role models, and teach our kids how to be **FEARLESSLY KIND** to everyone. Let's help our kids see how people act and treat people based on those actions, instead of treating others based on differences in skin color, culture, or even medical conditions.



The DNA of any two humans is 99.97% identical, even if skin color is different.

Bullying is proof that our nation's children need help learning to treat others' differences with respect, rather than with aggression and intimidation.

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**TEAM UP!** Try these simple tips to help your child want to talk.

Stand in front of a mirror with your child with both of you looking at your reflections. Point out and talk about ways that you look different from each other, as in eye or hair color, birthmarks or freckles, face shape, nose size, lip shape and any other features you notice. Tell your child that even though you are in the same family, you actually look very different. Now that you have their attention, start talking about how to always treat others with kindness no matter how different they look.

**TALKING TIPS** to help you sit down and start the conversation...

- Let your child know that they are special, and that there is only one of them in the whole world, even if you have twins!
- Having only one of them in the whole world means that **EVERYONE** else is different than your child.
- This means that **ALL** people are special and important in their own ways because there is only one of everyone else in the whole world too.

Teach your child that if we judge someone as not worth talking to simply because of what they look like, we are missing out on a chance to make what could be a great friend. We're actually missing out on the chance of making **LOTS** of friends because others will see how we treat others based on **LOOKS** and they will choose not to be our friend based on our unfair **ACTIONS**.

Teach your child that if someone looks different to them, then maybe your child looks just as different to the other person! If our children don't talk to one another because of looks, it's time for us to step in as parents and teach our kids to start these conversations with others by being **STRONG, KIND & COURAGEOUS**. Then, our kids won't be seen as different, they'll be known for the great leaders they've proven to be through their bold actions respecting others.

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**DECISION TIME:** It's time to CHOOSE with our children to get serious about being more kind to everyone. If your child EVER hears you talking badly about, or making fun of, someone that obviously looks different, it will be very hard to turn that around. Always know that your child will learn from the ways that you treat others both good and bad. SHAKE HANDS with your child and agree to work hard at treating all people well together.

**GIVE IT A TRY!** A chance to practice the target skills together at home:



## Go to the Library!

No matter where you live, there is a public library. A library card is free with proof of your address, but you don't have to have a

library card to read the books in the library! Make a date with your child to go to your nearest public library and discover other facts about other children who look different all around the world.

Go to the children's section, and find the section marked Non-Fiction to find the books about facts and real-world knowledge. Look through the different title and covers to explore how very differently children look and live in the world. (The point here is to NOT "judge a book by its cover," but help your child find an interest in a few of the different books on culture, arts or religion that you find in the library.)

- The 300 section is reserved for Social Sciences and different countries. You will find many books about what children do all over the world.
- The 200 section will help you and your child discover different religions that families practice.
- The 700 section will help you both look at different poetry and even crafts that children create across the globe.

**FOCUS!** Ask your child how they think one of these different children around the world would FEEL if they happened to move next door to you. That child would be scared, confused, lonely, nervous and probably sad.

Let your child know that there are children at their school that feel those same hard emotions everyday, simply because they look different.

Tell your child to look at all the really neat things we can learn from that child just from the book, and imagine the things they know about their culture that the book doesn't show.

\*\*If your child says something disrespectful about a culture you're looking at in a book, like, "That's weird..." let your child know that is unacceptable. That is the attitude and language you both just agreed to get rid of on your minds, tongues and hearts.



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## Stay On Target

Tips to help keep your child's new skills in action at home and school.

- Read all the notes that come home from your child's teacher. If your child has trouble getting along with others sometimes, talk about it and find out why.
- If you ever have a chance, go eat lunch with your child at school to get to know their classmates. See if there is a child in the class that sits alone, and talk to your child at home about how to be kind to make that lonely child more a part of the class.