



STORY TIME

ONE LOVE

Story Time Description

Have you been watching the news with your children? If so I hope that you're having open and honest conversations about race with them. Children are never too young to learn about diversity. Today I will be reading *One Love* based on the song "One Love" by Bob Marley adapted by his daughter Cedella Marley. This story follows a little girl who enlists her community to help transform her neighborhood for the better. You will delight in dancing to the beat and feeling the positive groove of change that can happen when we all get together with one love in our hearts!

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

– Nelson Mandela

Children's Books That Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- *Every Little Thing* based on the song "The Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley adapted by Cedella Marley
- *Get Up, Stand Up* based on the song "Get Up, Stand Up" by Bob Marley adapted by Cedella Marley
- *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark Robinson
- *We March* Shane W. Evans
- *Let's Talk About Race* by Julius Lester
- *Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine
- *Freedoms on the Menu: The Greensboro's Sit-ins* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *My People* by Langston Hughes
- *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox
- *All Are Welcome* by Alexander Penfold

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- *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner
- *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* by Ibtihaj Muhammad
- *The Peace Tree From Hiroshima: The Little Bonsai with a Big Story* by Sandra Moore
- *People* by National Geographic Kids
- *All Kinds of People* by Shelley Rotner
- *Shades of People* by Shelley Rotner
- *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz
- *Teach Your Dragon About Diversity* by Steve Herman
- *Skin Like Mine (Kids Like Mine)* by LaTishia M. Perry
- *Hair Like Mine (Kids Like Mine)* by LaTishia M. Perry
- *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller
- *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates
- *It's Okay to be Different: A Children's Picture Book About Diversity and Kindness* by Sharon Purtill
- *It's Okay to be Different* by Todd Parr
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- *Chocolate Milk, Por Favor* by Maria Dismundy
- *Spaghetti in a Hotdog Bun: Having the Courage to be Who You Are* by Maria Dismundy
- *Nursery Rhymes for Social Good: Alternative Poems for Future Activist* by Holly Olsen
- *Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry
- *Hair* by Kate Perry
- *I Love My Hair!* By Natasha Anastasia Trapley
- *Bippity Bop Barbershop* by Natasha Anastasia Trapley
- *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* by Derek Barnes
- *One Hot Summer Day* Nina Crews
- *Chocolate Me!* By Taye Diggs
- *Black is a Rainbow Color* by Angela Joy
- *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers
- *I Like Myself!* by Karen Beaumont
- *You Matter* by Christian Robison
- *Life Doesn't Frighten Me* by Maya Angelou
- *Babies Around the World* by Puck
- *Global Babies* by The Global Fund for Children
- *Woke Baby* by Mahogany L. Browne
- *Peekaboo Morning* Rachel Isadora
- *Happy in Our Skin* Fran Manushkin
- *Black is Brown is Tan* by Arnold Adoff

- *Bright Eyes, Brown Skin* by Cheryl Willis Hudson & Bernette G. Ford
- *Being with You This Way* by W. Nikola-Lisa
- *Shades of Black* by Sandra L. Pinkney
- *Read and Rise* by Sandra L. Pinkney
- *Skin Again* by Bell Hooks
- *Counting on Community* by Innosanto Nagara
- *A is for Activist* by Innosanto Nagara
- *More More More, Said the Baby* by Vera B. Williams
- *Magic Trash* by J. H. Shapiro
- *Kenya's Art* by Linda Trice
- *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia* by Miranda Paul
- *These Hands* by Margaret H. Mason
- *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter* by Shabazz Larkin
- *Green is a Chile Pepper: A Book of Colors* by Roseanne Greenfield
- *Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto
- *Lola at the Library* by Anna McQuinn
- *Leo Can Swim* by Anna McQuinn
- *Lola in the Garden* by Anna McQuinn
- *Ron's Big Mission* by Rose Blue
- *In the Spirit of Ronald E. McNair – Astronaut: An American Hero* by Carl S. McNair

Children's Books about Gardening

- *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown
- *Save the Land (Save the Earth)* by Bethany Stahl
- *City Green* by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan
- *Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth* by Mary McKenna Siddals
- *Isabella's Garden* by Glenda Millard
- *Wanda's Roses* by Pat Brisson
- *Zora's Zucchini* by Katherine Pryor
- *From Seed to Plant* by Gail Gibbons
- *Our Community Garden* by Barbara Pollak
- *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- *I Am Farmer: Growing an Environmental Movement in Cameron* by Miranda Paul
- *Right This Very Minute: A Table-to-Farm Book about Food and Farming* by Lisl Detlefsen
- *Our School Garden* by Rick Swann
- *A Weed is A Flower* by George Washington Carver

Other Useful Resources

***Anti-Racism Starts with Me: Coloring Book* by Kadeesha Bryant**

Community educator Kadeesha Bryant has created a unique coloring book that mixes creative fun with powerful messages of hope and understanding. Every page contains hand-drawn illustrations to color as well words of wisdom on overcoming prejudice and bridging divides in our society. Examples include:

“The only thing that should be separated by color is laundry”

“Hate causes a lot of problems - but hasn’t solved one”

***Civil Rights Then and Now: A Timeline of the Fight for Equality in America* by Kristina Brooke Daniele**

Take a crash course in the social justice issues that keep the United States from realizing its promise of equality! This civil rights book for kids is simultaneously a guide for parents and educators who worry about broaching the topics of racism, discrimination, and prejudice. Included in this book are vocabulary lists, questions for comprehension and discussion, and even essay/journaling prompts.

Watch and listen to the author of *One Love* Cedella Marley discuss and share her inspiration for this book on YouTube

A conversation with Cedella Marley about her book ONE LOVE, based on the song by Bob Marley

Community Gardens in Richmond, VA Websites

www.beautifulva.org

www.richmond.gov/communitygarden

www.enrichmond.org

www.renewrichmond.org

www.henrico.us/garden-growing-families

Teaching Tolerance Magazine

www.tolerance.org

Teaching Tolerance provides free resources to educators—teachers, administrators, counselors and other practitioners—who work with children from kindergarten through high school. Educators use the materials to supplement the curriculum, to inform their practices, and to create civil and inclusive school communities where children are respected, valued and welcome participants.

Famous Speeches about Race and Equality to Read to Children

- *The Three Evils in the World* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- *I Have a Dream* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- *A More Perfect Union* by Barak Obama
- *I Am First Accused* by Nelson Mandela
- *Women's Rights Are Human Rights* by Hillary Clinton
- *Ain't I a Woman* by Sojourner Truth

How to Talk Honestly with Children about Racism

www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-honestly-with-children-about-racism

What is too much? What is not enough? What if they're too young and we scare them? What if we're scared, too? Visit the website for resources to answer these questions.

National Wildlife Federation

www.nwf.org

Download the 2020 Equity & Justice Strategic Plan

The National Wildlife Federation believes that in order to save wildlife and ourselves, we need to ensure that all people have access to clean air and water, safe communities, easy and equitable access to nature, and protection from the ravages of climate change. These basic needs, equally necessary and urgent for all people, are foundational to bringing the conservation movement and ethos into the 21st century.

National Association for the Education of Young Children

www.naeyc.org/resources/teaching-learning-race-and-racism

Raising Race Conscious Children

www.raceconscious.org

Sweet Blackberry

www.sweetblackberry.org

The mission at Sweet Blackberry is to bring little known stories of African American achievement to children everywhere.

Sesame Street on YouTube

Watch “Sesame Street: Lupita Nyong'o Loves Her Skin” and “Whoopi's Skin and Elmo's Fur” on YouTube. In both videos Elmo is exploring and discussing how skin can be different textures and shades of color.

“I Am a Slave” – The Roots Meet Schoolhouse Rock on YouTube

Check out this video from the ABC series “black-ish explaining “Juneteenth” a historical event about a celebration of freedom.

***Going Wild: Helping Nature Thrive in Cities* by Michele Mulder**

A wonderful collection of scientific facts, photographs, kid-appropriate calls-to-action, and uplifting examples of humans and nature thriving in harmony.

Exploration – Take Daily Walks in Your Neighborhood and Community

While you are on your walk, you can ask children questions such as:

- What do you see?
- What do you hear?
- What do you feel?
- What do you smell?
- How many different colors can you find?
- How are you different from other people we see?

Put These Ideas into Practice at Home to Support Children’s Respect for Positive Connections of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- Provide books that include nontraditional families, racially diverse characters and themes
- Use children’s literature to discuss race and choose high-quality and diverse literature
- Explore and learn about different cultures and traditions
- Start a garden in your community or find a community garden and volunteer as a family
- Take daily walks to your local park to observe nature, many elements in nature are both alike and different – not just humans
- Use a magnify lens for observations of fingerprints (they are all different, but we all have them)
- Use food to discuss race and diversity (I gave a great example for using eggs)
- Utilize resources from this document and the post

