

Resources for Talking to Young Children about Racial Injustice

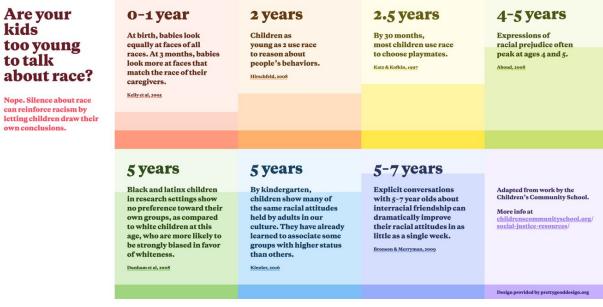


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Remember that these links are starting points for conversations rather than final destinations.

Step 1. Help children process their feelings in this moment

- <u>Once I was very very scared</u> by Piplo Productions is a free online book that helps kids talk about scary feelings, what they feel like in your body and things that help them feel better.
- <u>Supporting Kids Of Color in The Wake of Racialized Violence</u> an interview to help caregivers get an understanding on the impacts of radicalized violence on young children and how they can help them.
- From <u>PBS</u> you can find more information on how to help children process information that comes forth in the news around tragic events
- <u>The National Child Traumatic Stress Network</u> (NCTSN) has developed a simple table that can help caregivers respond and help young children dealing with traumatic grief.
- <u>Zero to Three's article</u> applies a child development lens to guidance for talking to young children about racism and violence.



Step 2. Talk about race and racism consistently and take action

- <u>Wee the People</u> is a Boston based social justice project for children age 4 to 12 launched by two black mothers and offers workshops that explore activism, resistance, and social action through the visual and performing arts for both kids and caregivers.
- <u>Embrace Race</u> is a great source of helpful information. In this article find out 8 ways to talk to young kids about racial injustice.
- <u>HealthyChildren.org</u> also has tips around talking to young children about racial bias.
- <u>Books for Littles</u> is a website with diverse book recommendations on how to talk to children about race.
- For educators, the <u>NCTSN</u> has also developed materials on how to address race and trauma in classrooms.



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