Celebrate Black History Month with Your Children

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for reflecting on their central role in U.S. history. For this Black History Month, we provide you with a collection of resources that can help you with starting or continuing a conversation about Black History Month with your children or the youth around you.

Listen to Inspiring Stories Together

TED has created a playlist of insightful conversations on Black identity. In particular, this inspiring story by Astrophysicist, Dr. Jedidah Isler is worth watching – and sharing!

Read Children’s Books that Celebrate Black Culture

PBS Kids has extensive lists of children’s books that are centered around Black History Month and diversity, as well as story reading videos.

View Interactive Art Collections on Black History

The National Portrait Gallery has a collection of portraits of Black Americans who shaped the history, development, and culture of the United States from 1750 to the present. Browse through this interactive online display and learn about who they are with your children, or join the learning lab for a special presentation on celebrating Black History Month. The National Gallery of Art also features African American artists, such as Horace Pippin, and their wonderful works. The learning activities about the artists are sorted by grades. Learn about these artists and their works with your kids, then have a conversation about their lives and impact on Black culture.

Have Conversations About Race

Black History Month can provide an opportunity for families to foster discussions about race, diversity, and equality. It's never too early to talk to children about these topics, and there are a variety of resources available for parents and caregivers to help you find everyday opportunities to open up the dialogue.

Weill Cornell Medicine childcare provider Bright Horizons offers a How to Raise Anti-Racist Kids webinar. The organization also has a podcast and other resources centered around how to talk to your kids about race in a developmentally appropriate context.

EmbraceRace, an organization committed to raising a generation of children who are thoughtful, informed, and brave about race, also has 10 tips for caregivers who want to discuss race with their children.