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## THE IMPACT OF LEARNING ABOUT DIVERSITY AT A YOUNG AGE

*"Diversity can affect psychosocial development during early childhood by helping children create positive self-images, form strong relationships with peers, and develop positive attitudes towards other children from both similar and different backgrounds. Teaching tolerance and acceptance in young people is essential to fostering their ability to believe that all groups of people are equally valuable."*

-Christine VanDonge

*Noodle.com*

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## Purple Kit: You & Me

**Recommended Ages:** 3 to 6

**Concepts:** Inclusion, acceptance, and kindness

### ABOUT THIS KIT

The *Know Your Neighbor: Kindness Kit* is an exciting way to start conversations about equity, diversity, and inclusion with children from an early age. Children and their grown-ups are able to explore these concepts through media such as books, music, film, and toys, along with the activities provided in this brochure.

**Please note:** this kit must be returned to a staff member at the Kenai Community Library Location.



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This kit provides materials that allow children to explore diversity through appropriate toys, books, music, and television programming.

## Kit Activities

The following activities are designed to give parents, teachers, and caregivers a starting point to teach children the importance of kindness and inclusion in a global world. Be the catalyst that helps the children in our community develop positive attitudes toward others regardless of background and become global and kind citizens. Also, it is important to incorporate diverse literature in your everyday routine, rather than making diversity a one time lesson. Use “teachable moments” to discuss the concepts of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

**Equity** - the quality of being fair and impartial.

**Diversity** - a range of people with various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds and various lifestyles, experience, and interests.

**Inclusion** - the practice of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized.



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# Kit Contents & Replacement Costs

Item Type	Description	Cost
Book	Skin Like Mine by LaTashia M. Perry	\$9
Book	You Matter by Christian Robinson	\$13
Book	Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o	\$18
Book	The Black Book of Colors	\$15
DVD	Sesame Street Celebrates Around the World	\$13
CD	World Sing-Along	\$19
Object	Education Pretend People	\$15
Object	Never Forget A Face Memory Matching Game	\$16
Object	Wooden Children of the World Racial Cognition Puzzle	\$16
<b>Packaging &amp; Processing Fee:</b>		\$25
<b>Total Kit Replacement Cost:</b>		\$159

## Activity one: Read and Sing

Read the book *You Matter* by Christian Robinson to your child. Talk about how each of us matters regardless of what we look like or who we are. Now sing *If You're Happy and You Know It* with your child incorporating hand motions as you sing.

## Activity two: Skin like Mine

Read the books *Skin Like Mine* by Latashia M. Perry and *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o. Use the crayons provided to help your child draw a self-portrait as well as friends and characters from the books. What colors did you use? Take a moment to discuss the beauty of all colors!

## Activity three: The Black Book of Colors

Read *The Black Book of Colors* by Menina Cottin. Use this award-winning book to experience colors the way a blind person might—through their sense of touch, taste, smell, or hearing. With your child, run your fingers over the braille text and imagine what it is like to read through touch. Now learn about the invention of braille online!

## Activity Four: Create a Family

Families come in all shapes, forms and sizes. Have your child develop families using the action figures provided, or use your own figures. Use this activity to talk about the different make-ups of families around the globe.

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## Activity Five: Rainbow

The world offers such a beautiful array of different skin colors. Like a rainbow, these colors are all lovely and important. Help your child draw a rainbow using only the multicultural crayons to illustrate and discuss this concept.

## Activity Six: Never Forget a Face

Gather the family to have fun playing *Never Forget a Face Memory Matching Game!*

## Activity Seven: Celebrate Around the World

Together watch some of *Sesame Street Celebrates Around the World*. Now take a moment to introduce your child to a globe or map of the world. Have your child spin the globe or map and put their finger on a location. Now learn an interesting fact about that locality.

## Activity Eight: Listen and Dance

Together listen to *World Sing-Along* and watch videos of musical celebrations around the world. Start and stop the music to have a Freeze Dance competition!

## Activity Nine: Build a Puzzle

Use the *Children of the World Racial Cognition Puzzle* to discuss different cultures and ethnicities. Use the line images of the wooden base to help your child complete the puzzle.

