

We are all special

Families and teachers: the early childhood and primary school curricula emphasize the importance of celebrating diversity and culture.

You can encourage young children to celebrate themselves and others while playing, or while watching educational shows like *Sesame Street* together.



Watch together

While you're watching *Sesame Street* or other educational content together build on what children are noticing. Highlight how each character's uniqueness helps others.

- Children can think about what makes them unique and how it helps others.
- Then, ask them to think about how others' uniqueness helps them too.
- Highlight how we can all work and play together, and take advantage of and celebrate our unique abilities.

Learn about cultures through food

- While watching *Cookie Monster Foodie Truck*, children can talk about the people who eat these foods and whether these are eaten during special events.
- Then, make simple foods from your own and other cultures together!
- Infants and toddlers can help mix ingredients. Pre-schoolers can also describe each step, and primary school children can read or write the recipe.



Play and learn together

Celebrate cultures

- All children can learn and sing songs from different cultures. You can make simple instruments together by filling then sealing empty bottles with small rocks, shiny foil or other noise making items.
- Children can learn more about another country or culture by doing simple research in books or online.
- They can draw, scribble or write about what they've learned and use materials like boxes and simple objects to make models of interesting buildings and fabric scraps to create clothes.

We are special because ___

- Children can work together to share what makes themselves and others special.
- They can even choose how they want to showcase this – by talking, singing, dancing, drawing, whatever they'd like!



Talk together

Tell me about yourself

Children can interview people like friends and neighbours from different cultures and countries and share about themselves too.

Respecting others

Talk together about ways that children would like people to show them respect and ways that they can show others respect too.

Ask questions like:

- Why is it important to be kind and respectful to others?
- What could you do to ___?
- What would you like to learn more about?
- How can we help and support others?



Links to find out more together

Local resources

- ✓ [The Ministry of Education and Youth's Game-Based & Interactive Learning Activities for Early Years](#)
- ✓ [Curricular resources](#) like the Resource Book and curriculum guides from the Early Childhood Commission
- ✓ Digital library Book Fusion has free books <https://www.bookfusion.com/libraries/MO EYI>

Other resources

- ✓ UNICEF's [Gender Responsive Pedagogy: A Toolkit for Teachers and Schools 2nd edition](#)
- ✓ [PBS Learning Media](#) has virtual field trips



Links to Sesame Street content

Here are some related songs on YouTube that you can sing together:

- ✓ ["Sesame Street: Will.i.am Sings What I Am"](#)
- ✓ ["Sesame Street: Change the World Song | Lyric Video"](#)
- ✓ ["Sesame Street: A Song About Celebrating You!"](#)
- ✓ ["Sesame Street: One Big Family Song"](#)
- ✓ ["Sesame Steet: We Are So Much Alike Song with Alessia Cara"](#)
- ✓ ["Our Community is Always Here"](#)

Visit [Sesame Workshop](#)

for many more related activities, printables and video-based suggestions like:

- ✓ ["Sharing Talents and Traditions"](#)
- ✓ ["Race, Ethnicity and Culture"](#)

to play online games like:

- ✓ ["I am Me"](#)
- ✓ ["Welcome to Our Garden"](#)