

# ECLC Racial Justice Resources for Families

Last updated: September 2020

## Resources for Parents and Caregivers

[EmbraceRace.org website](#) and from that website: [8 Tips for Talking to Your Child About Racial Injustice](#)

[Tolerance.org website](#) and from that website: [Affirming Black Lives Without Introducing Trauma](#)

[How to Talk to Kids About Racism: An Age by Age Guide](#)

[Talking to Children about Racial Bias](#)

**Coming Together: Standing Up to Racism** by CNN and Sesame Street [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)

**Raising White Kids** by Jennifer Harvey

This book is a guide for white families and communities raising children in an environment of increasing racial diversity but deep rooted racial tensions. White people committed to racial equity and justice face unique challenges and questions. This book offers insights and strategies for navigating these issues.

## Children's Books

**A is for Activist** by Innosanto Nagara

This is a new take on the familiar ABC book for aspiring activists.

On Youtube: [A is for Activist read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**Antiracist Baby** by Ibram X. Kendi and illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky

With bold art and thoughtful yet playful text, Antiracist Baby introduces the youngest readers and the grown-ups in their lives to the concept and power of antiracism.

On Youtube: [Antiracist Baby read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**Every Little Thing** based on Bob Marley's song, "Three Little Birds," and adapted by his daughter Cedella Marley and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton.

Bob Marley's music is known the world over for its powerful message of love, peace, and harmony. Every family will relate to the universal story of one boy who won't let anything get him down, especially with the help and encouragement of his family, friends, and three very special birds!

On Youtube: [Every Little Thing read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**Fry Bread: A Native American Story** by Kevin Noble Maillard.

Told in lively and powerful verse by debut author Kevin Noble Maillard, Fry Bread is an evocative depiction of a modern Native American family, vibrantly illustrated by Caldecott Honor winner Juana Martinez-Neal.

On Youtube: [Fry Bread read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**Get Up, Stand Up** based on Bob Marley's song, "Get Up, Stand Up" and adapted by his daughter Cedella Marley and illustrated by John Jay Cabuay.

Carrying on her father's legacy of bringing people together in solidarity, Cedella Marley stays close to the origin songs' message as she encourages children to take ownership of their convictions and stand up for themselves and others. An energetic read aloud that promises to pump up young dissenters and peacemakers.

On Youtube: [Get Up, Stand Up read by Mary Laeger-Hagemeister](#)

**Layla's Happiness** by Maria Hadessa Ekere Tallie.

Happiness leaps at Layla from the color purple, from the succulence of fresh plums, from the constellations of the night sky, from the mischievous delight of slurping spaghetti without a fork. It unspools from her lips as she hums while feeding the chickens at the community garden and names all the trees and greets the neighbors at the farmers' market where she sells the vegetable she has grown from seeds. It pours forth from the poetry her mother reads to her under a makeshift tent and from the tales her father tells her of his own childhood in the South.

On Youtube: [Layla's Happiness read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**One Love** based on Bob Marley's song, "One Love" and adapted by his daughter Cedella Marley and illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton.

Readers will delight in dancing to the beat and feeling the positive groove of change when one girl enlists her community to help transform her neighborhood for the better. This picture book offers an upbeat testament to the amazing things that can happen when we all get together with one love in our hearts.

On Youtube: [One Love read by Green Fig Read Aloud](#)

**Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of John Lewis** by Jabari Asim and illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

John wants to be a preacher when he grows up—a leader whose words stir hearts to change, minds to think, and bodies to take action. But why wait? When John is put in charge of the family farm's flock of chickens, he discovers that they make a wonderful congregation! So he preaches to his flock, and they listen, content under his watchful care, riveted by the rhythm of his voice.

On Youtube: [Preaching to the Chickens read by Kelly Rowley](#) with: [Intro and Children's Sermon](#)

**Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice** by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard.

This book is the story of two families, one White and one Black, as they discuss the police shooting of a Black man in their community. It explores children's questions regarding race, trauma, and identity.

On Zoom: [Something Happened in Our Town: Zoom Meeting With Authors](#)

**The Colors of Us** by Karen Katz. Seven-year-old Lena is going to paint a picture of herself. She wants to use brown paint for her skin. But when she and her mother take a walk through the neighborhood, Lena learns that brown comes in many different shades.

On Youtube: [The Colors of Us read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family** by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali and illustrated by Hatem Aly.

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand-new year, and best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--made of a fabric of beautiful blue, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.

On Youtube: [The Proudest Blue read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**When God Made You** by Matthew Paul Turner and illustrated by David Catrow.

A story of self-discovery for children. It reinforces the inherent goodness and uniqueness of each person and their responsibility to one another and the world in which we live.

On Youtube: [When God Made You read by Kelly Rowley](#)

**Whoever You Are** by Mem Fox.

This book is about children all over the world. Even though children engage in many of the same behaviors, they may not look the same or speak the same language. It explores similarities and differences and celebrates both.

On Youtube: [Whoever You Are read by Mrs. Sage](#)