Tackling tricky questions about racial identity

Children’s natural curiosity about difference provides a great opportunity to discuss the benefits of cultural, racial and religious diversity.

Sometimes this can lead to questions that don’t have easy answers. Here are 3 simple things you can do…

| **Be open** | **Be honest** | **Be a role model** |
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| It’s important not to avoid or ignore tricky questions or comments. Instead, find out more about why your child is asking. | Answer questions simple and factually. You don’t have to be an expert, but make sure to give the correct information. If you don’t know the answer to a question, then find out more together! | Children learn the most from our words and actions so it’s important to lead by example. |
| Fergus and Kojo standing side-by-side waving hands | Merindah making a heart shape with her hands | Pax dressed up as a doctor and Parima derssed up as a life guard |

Find out more ways to build belonging in your centre at the Australian Human Rights Commission’s [‘Building Belonging’ website](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/education/early-childhood/building-belonging).