

# RAISING PEACEMAKERS

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JESUS, RACE, + PARENTING



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## WEEK #4: MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL



The three primary tasks for adolescents is discovering their identity, purpose, and belonging. This stage of parenting is perhaps the most impactful for raising peacemakers who live out the Gospel for their lifetime.

### CENTERING EXERCISE

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Matthew 19:13-15

### STORIES

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What are the names / ages of the teenagers you're thinking about tonight?

### DEVELOPMENTAL

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#### IDENTITY

- + By \_\_\_\_\_, many children become set in their beliefs — giving parents a decade to mold the learning process, so that it decreases racial bias and improves cultural understanding. (SOURCE)



PURPOSE

BELONGING

AS LONG AS YOU HAVE \_\_\_\_\_,  
YOU HAVE INFLUENCE.

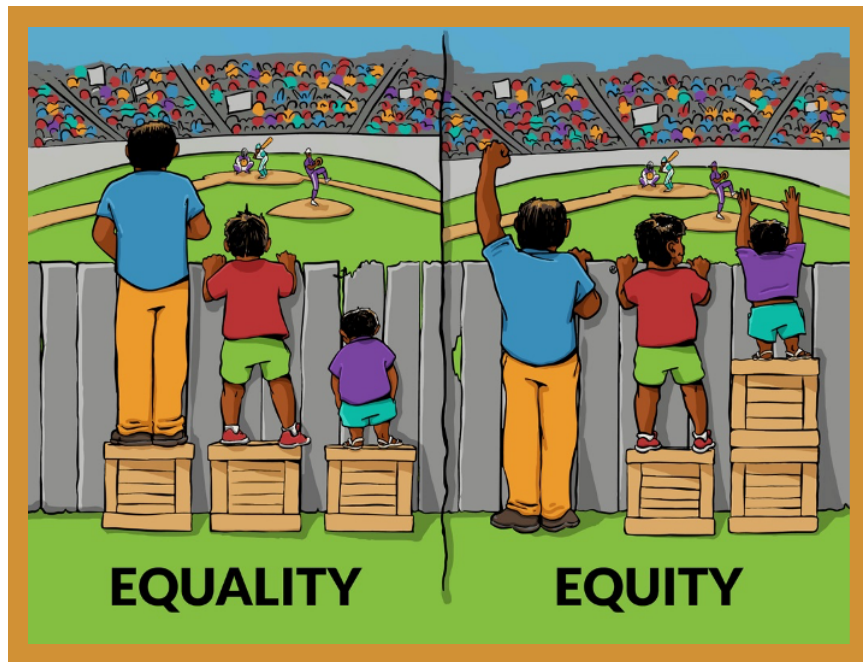
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# CULTURAL

## + Equality ≠ Equity

- + Equality = treating \_\_\_\_\_ and giving everyone access to the same opportunities
- + Equity = proportional representation in those same opportunities by treating people differently based on \_\_\_\_\_.



- + Most kids will \_\_\_\_\_ have a black teacher from K through high school. Kids who have \_\_\_\_\_ black teacher in elementary school are more likely to graduate high school and go to college because they have exposure to a role model early in life.
- + The \_\_\_\_\_ would not exist without racism in the \_\_\_\_\_ church.



# PARENTING PRACTICALS

## CONSIDERATIONS:

- + \_\_\_\_\_ based
- + Questions from \_\_\_\_\_
- + As you are \_\_\_\_\_

“

REPEAT THEM AGAIN AND AGAIN TO YOUR CHILDREN. TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ROAD, WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO BED AND WHEN YOU ARE GETTING UP. TIE THEM TO YOUR HANDS AND WEAR THEM ON YOUR FOREHEAD AS REMINDERS. WRITE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR GATES.

DEUTERONOMY 6:7-9

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- + Expand \_\_\_\_\_ – work, sports, worship, trips, extracurricular both with you and individually



# CONVERSATION STARTERS + REASONS

## ASK

## WHY

How do you feel about that?

Why do you think that?

Have you ever seen...?

What if...?

Help me understand...

I was wrong...

Where do you learn about...?

Tell me what you know about...

What do you want to do about it?





## INCLUSIVE PARENTS

- Teach their kids that people matter more than skin color
- Make sure their child's library is racially diverse
- Share movies and shows featuring people of color with their kids
- Talk about privilege and what it means

## ANTI-RACIST PARENTS

- Teach their kids that skin color deeply affects how people view us
- Intentionally include books that go beyond slavery + the civil rights movement
- Use media to point out examples of racism + stereotypes
- Give children contextual examples of their privilege, like being able to shop without being followed

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# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

Comprehensive list is now available at <https://www.ezerandco.com/raising-peacemakers>.  
Information does not equal transformation. Transformation comes as we do the work.

## REFLECT + DISCUSS:

- + What are my implicit biases?
- + What racial messages am I passing on to my kids?
- + How is God inviting me to respond? Of all the different things I can "do" as a parent, what must I do next?
- + What is the racial makeup of your kids' school, including administration, teachers, and students?

## PODCASTS:

- + Unlocking Us episode with Ibram X. Kendi (June 2, 2020)
- + Unlocking Us episode with Austin Channing Brown (June 9, 2020)
- + Parenting Decolonized
- + Melanated Faith
- + Shalom Y'all

## READ:

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## WATCH:

- + Just Mercy (Amazon Prime)
- + Selma (Amazon Prime)
- + Harriet (Amazon Prime)
- + 42 (Amazon Prime)
- + When They See Us (Netflix)
- + 13th (Netflix)
- + The Help (Netflix)
- + The Color of Compromise (Netflix)
- + John Lewis: Good Trouble (Amazon Prime)

## DO:

- + Take the [Implicit Association Test](#).
- + Evaluate the voices you listen to and learn from (TV, books, podcasts, social media follows, pastors). What percentage of them are black or people of color?
- + Learn and celebrate African-American traditions and holidays, like Juneteenth.
- + Get involved in your child's school, your place of worship, and politics. Parents who are involved in this way are better able to advocate for fair treatment of racially marginalized groups and raise awareness of race issues in other groups.
- + Confess. Be a role model in owning your biases, feelings, thoughts, mistakes, and areas of wrongdoing.
- + Pay attention to your language. See where any jokes or crude language shows up in your words.
- + Share your story. Let your kids know what it was like for you growing up around this topic of race.
- + Spend your money at black owned businesses.



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