

Eracism

...all colors with love and respect

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BEGIN AT HOME

- 1 Know your roots and share your pride in your heritage with others.
- 2 Celebrate holidays with extended family. Use such opportunities to encourage storytelling and share personal experiences across generations.
- 3 Invite friends from backgrounds different from your own to experience the joy of your traditions and customs.
- 4 Be mindful of your language; avoid stereotypical remarks and challenge those made by others.
- 5 Speak out against jokes and slurs that target people or groups. Silence sends a message that you are in agreement. It is not enough to refuse to laugh.
- 6 Be knowledgeable; provide as much accurate information as possible to reject harmful myths and stereotypes. Discuss as a family the impact of prejudicial attitudes and behavior.
- 7 Plan family outings to diverse neighborhoods in and around your community and visit local museums, galleries and exhibits that celebrate art forms of different cultures.
- 8 Visit important landmarks in your area associated with the struggle for human and civil rights such as museums, public libraries and historical sites.
- 9 Research your family tree and trace your family's involvement in the struggle for civil and human rights or the immigration experience. Identify personal heroes and positive role models.
- 10 Read and encourage your children to read books that promote understanding of different cultures as well as those that are written by authors of diverse backgrounds.

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"Eracism is the slogan of the group ERACE which was formed in New Orleans in the summer of 1993. We seek ways, through person-to-person communication, to show that we are committed to treating fellow human beings of all colors with love and respect. Join us."
