

We Are All Heavenly Father's Children

♥ Differences in People

The entire world is made of diversity of people. We have race, language, culture, religious, and personality differences. A way of life. A set of social practices. A system of beliefs. A shared history or set of experiences. A culture may be synonymous with a country, or a region, or a nationality or it may cross several countries or regions

♥ Accepting difference to make a better world

♥ Understanding is the key

It's almost impossible to hate or fear something once you understand it.

The process of becoming more aware of and better understanding one's own culture and other cultures around the world can really help us do that. .
Learning basic social skills such as saying thank you, sharing toys, greeting friends in an appropriate manner, etc., gives children basic tools to develop tolerance of others. Our physical environment also plays a role in our cultural learning.

We should start with our children; children tend to stay with what they learn for a lifetime.

Children need an environment in which they can begin to learn about differences. Between the ages of 2 and 5, children are becoming aware of gender, race, ethnicity, and disabilities.

Our goal with this theme is to help everybody develop fairness and tolerance for differences and to learn to challenge unfair treatment of others.

♥ Tolerance

Once the idea that differences exist has been accepted, and that, although some are positive, others might not be to our liking, we need to understand that social life obliges us to tolerate even the things we do not like, and this is to our advantage.

The first rule is that of equality among human beings: this does not mean denying that we all have our own specific characteristics that make us different from others; it is the confirmation that all people are equal in the face of our Heavenly Father.

Jesus, especially in the time period when he lived on earth, could reach out and reconcile a wide variety of people that otherwise would never have socialized. How did Jesus fulfill his vision of bridging gaps and modeling love to the people?

Jesus successfully brought together Jews and Gentiles, men and women, prostitutes and tax collectors. Not only did he bring them together but they actually lived and walked in love with one another.

Jesus FIRST demonstrated unconditional love and acceptance before he ever taught it to his followers – he served them first, meeting people where they were at, before calling them to follow.

♥ We can see diversity in our church today.

We sisters, as mothers, sisters, and daughters should teach diversity by finding channels that can assist in bringing together rather than driving apart. It could be through holding sporting events, encouraging the performing arts of music, dance, and drama, planning outreach activities, or whatever it will take to emphasize working together for a greater good.