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By Parent Cue

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### 1. What are your feelings about the issue?

In order to have honest conversations with our kids, we need to be honest with ourselves. Check your heart and your thoughts. Be sure to take a step back and identify how you might need to change in your prejudices and in your interactions with others. Reflect on what it really means to love those whom God loves, and unrelentingly pursue forgiveness and reconciliation.

### 2. Do you celebrate diversity?

Some parents may be tempted to try to teach their kids to be blind to color, to shy away from acknowledging differences or just ignore them altogether. But the truth is that we are all very different in the way God made us—in our skin color, in our genetic makeup, and in our culture. And that's something to be celebrated, not ignored. Do you model the belief with your words and actions that God made each of us unique and beautiful even in our differences? Do you demonstrate respect towards those you disagree with?

How diverse is your circle of friends and the people you associate with? How can you widen that circle for your family?

### 3. Are you talking about racism?

Racism is a difficult and sensitive topic, but it does exist, often in the form of subtle comments and prejudice, but sometimes it's outright hatred and violence. Not talking about it doesn't make it go away. Discover the truth from various outlets and seek to understand other perspectives. When you find the right words that honestly and respectfully express how you think and feel, choose your words carefully.

Then talk to your kids so you can equip them with the values and the words they will need to respect, celebrate, and stand up for those who are being discriminated against.

### 4. Are you focused on love?

It's important to talk to your kids about how your family can respond to racism in a positive way. As you navigate these important conversations, focus on what matters most: LOVE. Put love into action, and rest in the hope that is found there.

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