

Developmental Ages & Stages

2 YEAR OLDS

- Awareness and curiosity of physical aspects of identity
- Awareness of gender
- “Cultural” aspects of gender
- May begin to appreciate differences



3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

- Expand observation of differences
- Seek greater explanation of differences
- Curious about family variations
- Wonder if hair, skin, eye color remain constant



5 YEAR OLDS

- Build group ethnic identity
- Explore range of differences within racial/ethnic groups
- Begin to understand scientific explanations for differences in skin color, hair texture, and eye shape

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6-8 YEAR OLDS

- Ethnicity not changeable
- Awareness of history, actions, attitudes for or against certain groups
- Maybe begin to foster personal prejudices
- Pride in cultural identity



9-12 YEAR OLDS

- Historical aspects of culture
- Understand personal and family struggles against bias
- Willing to discuss culture, race, and differences
- Advantages/disadvantages of certain groups evident
- Understand racial and cultural stereotypes