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PARENTS SHARE HOW THEY RAISE A GLOBALLY-MINDED CHILD.



Dressing up in national costumes on Racial Harmony Day



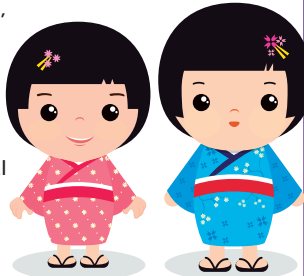
Reading and discussing the news with my two boys. Being involved with missions helps in teaching the kids about cultural differences. Reminding them not everyone is the same but treating all with respect and kindness. As a family, we also volunteer for causes including special needs. Dressing up in our national costumes in preschool helps them appreciate and learn more about other cultures.

Shannen Quek,
mother of two sons, aged 7 and 4



As the world gets more interconnected, my wife and I have made it a point to broaden our children's perspectives on different cultures through immersive experiences. Rather than merely being 'outsiders looking in', our recent trip to Kyoto, Japan, saw them experience life as a local, by staying in a traditional machiya house, sampling the local obanzai (home-cooked) cuisine and even dressing up in kimonos!

R. John, father of two daughters, aged 4 and 2




Music is a window to other cultures




I expose my two sons to a wide range of music — Chinese pop music, Malay rock anthems, English folk songs, classical concertos, jazz jams, new age epics, Turkish ballads, electronica — to ensure that they understand that there is a variety of musical expression. Music is far more accessible and a great window into the other cultures. It is an ever-present reminder that we are part of a larger world.

Ariel Tam, mother of two sons, aged 7 and 4


TEE TIME



We showed you how to make a handprint T-shirt for Dad in the Apr-Jun 2018 issue and asked you to share your creation with us. Here are three fun styles from our little designers!




Chloe Tho, 2



Lennon Soh, 4

Lynden Soh, 3



SaiKrishna, 3

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