

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO

GROW

Kit Theme: **Children Around the World**

- Book titles included:
 1. **A COUNTRY FAR AWAY** by Nigel Gray
 2. **ALL THE COLORS OF THE EARTH** by Sheila Hamanaka
 3. **WHAT IS YOUR LANGUAGE?** by Debra Leventhal
 4. **PEOPLE** by Peter Spier
 5. **SLEEP, SLEEP, SLEEP** by Nancy Van Laan
- Video: **PEOPLE**
- Audio: **PEOPLE: A Musical Celebration of Diversity**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

ALL ABOUT YOU by Catherine Anholt
GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN by John Archambault
ARROZ CON LECHE: Popular Songs and Rymes from Latin America
CLEVERSTICKS by Bernard Ashley
THIS IS THE WAY WE EAT OUR LUNCH: A Book about Children Around the World by Edith Baer
THIS IS THE WAY WE GO THE SCHOOL by Edith Baer
KENTE COLORS by Deborah Chocolate
EVERYBODY COOKS RICE by Norah Dooley
THIS IS MY HOUSE by Arthur Dorros
TABLE, CHAIR, BEAR: A Book in Many Languages by Jane Feder
PAPERCRAFTS AROUND THE WORLD by Phyllis Fiarotta
HOW MY PARENTS LEARNED TO EAT by Ina Friedman
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD by Carol Greene
DAY OF AHMED'S SECRET by Florence Parry Heide
BRIGHT EYES BROWN SKIN by Cheryl Hudson
MAMA DO YOU LOVE ME? by Barbara Jooesse
I'M A GIRL by Lila Jukes
WELCOMING BABIES by Margy Knight
LESS THAN HALF MORE THAN WHOLE by Kathleen Lacapa
I HATE ENGLISH! by Ellen Levine
MARKET! by Ted Lewin
MY HOUSE HAS STAIRS by Megan McDonald
ONE SUN by Bruce McMillan
TALKING CLOTH by Rhonda Mitchell
BREAD, BREAD, BREAD by Ann Morris
HOUSES AND HOMES by Ann Morris
ON THE GO by Ann Morris
MUSKRAT WILL BE SWIMMING by Cheryl Savageau
MY NAVAJO SISTER by Eleanor Schick
NINE O'CLOCK LULLABY by Marilyn Singer
NAVAJO ABC by Lucy Tapahonso
BROWN HONEY IN BROOMWHEAT TEA by poems by Joyce Carol Thomas
WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD by George Weiss
GALIMOTO by Karen Lynn Williams
COUNT ON YOUR FINGERS AFRICAN STYLE by Claudia Zaslavsky



Activity Ideas – Children Around the World

- Children all over the world turn everyday materials into special hideaways and playhouses. Create simple tents held together with pins and rope. Make a teepee using long poles lashed together at the top. Or arrange some chairs in a circle, drape the blankets over them, and you have a yurt, a desert home!
- In many countries, children dress in simple fabrics they can wrap around their bodies. After looking at pictures in the book **PEOPLE**, provide children with sheets, towels and scarves to recreate clothing from around the world. Hats also identify a culture; wide-brimmed hats are found in warm climates, while hats of fur are found in colder climates.
- Many cultures tell stories through dance. While listening to the audiotape, encourage children to use their hands and bodies to represent animals, such as birds, or to show emotion and feelings, such as love and sorrow.
- Make handprint art. The earliest examples of art have been found in caves in France or by the Aborigines in Australia. After dipping the children's hands in paint, they can press their prints on paper and make many kinds of images using their prints: animals, faces, etc.
- Masks are used by cultures all over the world. Provide a basic mask form, paper plates or oval shapes glued to Popsicle sticks. Let children decorate them with crayons or paint and wear them to produce a short play.

IN HIS HANDS

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the big round world in His hands,
He's got the wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands . . .
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands . . .
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands . . .
(From *Hands Around the World* by Susan Milord)

FRERE JACQUES

Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques,
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines, sonnez les matines,
Ding, dang, dong! Ding, dang, dong!
Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,
Brother John? Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing.
Ding, dang, dong! Ding, dang, dong!
(From *I'm a Little Teapot* by Jane Cobb)



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HELLO, MY FRIENDS, HELLO

Hello, my friends, hello,
Hello, my friends, hello,
Hello, my friends, hello, my friends,
Hello, my friends.
In Cantonese:
Nay homa, my friends, may homa . . .
In French:
Bonjour, mes amies, bonjour . . .
In German:
Guten tag, my friends, guten tag . . .
In Hindi:
Na mustay, meri dost, na mustay . . .
In Japanese:
Kanishiwa, my friends, kanishiwa . . .
In Korean:
Yo bo say yo, my friends, yo bo say yo. . .
In Punjabi:
Sat sri akal, meri dost, sat sri akal . . .
In Spanish:
Hola, mi amigos, Hola . . .
In Swahili:
Jambo, my friends, jambo . . .
(From *I'm a Little Teapot* by Jane Cobb)