

# **HOW WE COMBAT RACISM**



Sixth Graders' Experiences & Suggestions

6-Max and 6-Sue banded together to create a slideshow of ways they are personally combating racism and sharing ways for others to do the same. Given the racial justice work individuals all over the country are committing to in the wake of white supremacist violence, students are joining the efforts being made to become more anti-racist and show allyship to marginalized communities. They are showing that one person can make a difference, and if everyone comes together to do the work, then we can strive for a more equitable future!

**I have attended marches to protest racism in my own town.**



# Don't Be a Bystander (DO WHAT'S RIGHT)

When you are a bystander, you aren't stopping the situation from happening or helping it. You actually are doing the same amount of damage as the person that is causing the situation, so when you do see someone causing a problem against someone's race, then you should not stand there and watch but you should say something like, "Stop!" or "Why are you doing that?" Because when you are watching someone being hurt because of their race, it can actually hurt them more than you think, so you should step in so that they are not hurt. DON'T BE A BYSTANDER.



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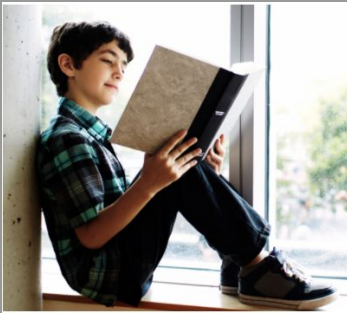
*Don't be the  
bystander be the hero.*

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# Educate Yourself!

Staying educated on racial justice can help you learn and help combat racism. If you have just 10 spare minutes to fill, you can go online and read an article about racism. But make sure it is from a reliable source, or you may be getting the wrong information. If you stay educated, you can join the fight for racial justice!



# If You See Something Racist Happening, Stop It!

People are racist sometimes. Whether or not they are intending to be, stop them. By stop, I don't mean start yelling at the person who said something racist. Mention to them that they did something racist. If they say they knew, tell them that it's not right. Do not be afraid. I know it can be scary. There have been many situations where I have seen something racist and been too scared to stop it, but when I actually stood up for my friend, it felt great!





# Raise Awareness

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Many might not know the true effects of racism and discrimination. Some ways you can raise awareness are by talking about it to others, putting up signs, reading articles from trusted sources, or using a social media platform to spread the word. One conversation may save a life!

# Prevent Racism before It Happens

If you think something racist is going to happen, try and prevent it. Tell the person to stop. Don't just be a bystander, but do something about it. If everybody just watches the situation, that is not helping at all, it's just hurting. Do your part to combat racism by helping the person in need. Even if it is a small thing being done, it makes a difference. If we all work together, we can make our world equal.



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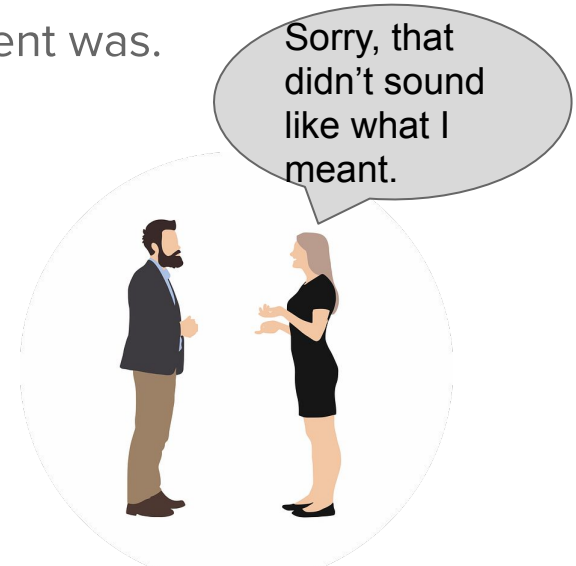
# Stand Up for Others

When you see racist events happen, try to stand up for the people who are being affected. Being quiet is the same thing as supporting what's happening. Being silent when racist things happen is saying you support racism. Standing up for others can also help show your beliefs. If you stand up for others, you are saying that you don't agree with racism, which is a good thing.

**SILENCE**  
**IS**  
**VIOLENCE**

# Correct Your Own Mistakes

If you accidentally say something that sounds racist, correct yourself. It's okay if you say something that doesn't sound like what you meant, as long as you tell whomever you're talking to that you didn't mean it. You could say, "Sorry, that didn't come out right. This is what I meant:" Or maybe, "Wait a minute, that's not what I meant to say." Then you could explain what your intent was.



# Make Sure Everyone You Know Is Aware of Racism

Racism: A problem that is ruining our society today. How do we stop it? One way to stop racism is if your friends, family, or anyone says something that is racist, let them know and tell them to try not to make that mistake again. For example if you're talking to a friend and he says something racist by accident, point it out, and ask him not to do it again.



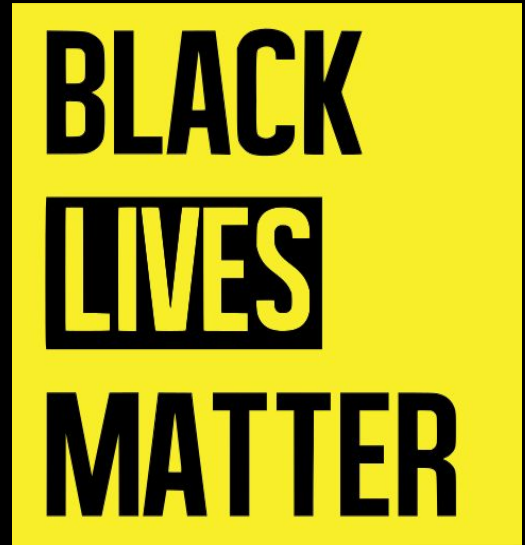
# **Express Yourself** Protest for Equality!

Put up signs, and tell people how you feel. -Jonah™

Don't be afraid to stand up for what you think is right. -Jonah™



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# Educate Yourself

One way to fight racism is to educate yourself. You can do that by:

- Attending group discussions
- Reading books
- Talking to someone who has experienced racism, or is of a minority group
- Watch the news
- Talk to an adult or parent

Educating yourself can help you know what is going on, how you can help, and how others who may be experiencing this feel.





# Put Up Signs! #BLM



Help people in need.

# Posters and Signs



Signs can persuade others to help. When people walk by and see that you care enough about what you are doing to put up a sign, they might join or help you.

# Peaceful Protesting

Protesting is a very effective way of letting your voice be heard. If they won't listen to just you then maybe they will see us all. Notice us and make

People remember you. Just going to a Local protest will get people to notice. You may think that it doesn't matter but every small thing is a small step in the right direction.



# Prevent It Before It Even Happens

**Share your views with others so that more people can prevent racism.**

**Show kids what it means to prevent racism.**

**Keep an eye out for people being harassed because of their race.**

**Be prepared to stop racism.**

**If it happens to you, stand up for yourself.**

**If you can't stop it, protest!**

**Always lend a helping hand.**





# Teaching Children

Children are the next generation. They are the key to a better or worse world. Which one we end up with depends on how we teach our children. Kids learn from what they see around them and how we act around them. If we teach kids that racism is bad, then that information will stick with them. If we teach little kids to be racist and mean, then that will stick with them, too. Whenever a topic that has to do with racism comes up, I make sure to let the people around me know that I am strongly against racism. This is helpful because we all learn from the people around us, and our opinions on different subjects change sometimes according to our peers' opinions. Little kids are even more influenceable this way, so we all need to make sure to teach the future of humanity well.

Some ways to do this are: - Whenever you are around your friends or extended family, especially if there are little kids who know and trust you nearby, make sure you let them know that you are **VERY MUCH AGAINST** racism. They will hopefully follow your example and learn not to be racist, too. - Talk to little kids at your school. Share your beliefs with them and teach them that racism is bad. Be nice to them and make them trust you, so that they will *want* to follow your example. - Teach little kids what racism *is*, and how to prevent it. There are always instances where people say something that is not meant to be racist, but sounds racist. Teach kids that even the tiniest things people say today can be considered biased; for example, some people don't like to use the expression "guys" referring to a group of guys *and* girls. That can be considered sexist. There are many similar small expressions that are often used but that some people consider racist, known as microaggressions. Make sure you teach kids to be **AGAINST** that sort of thing.

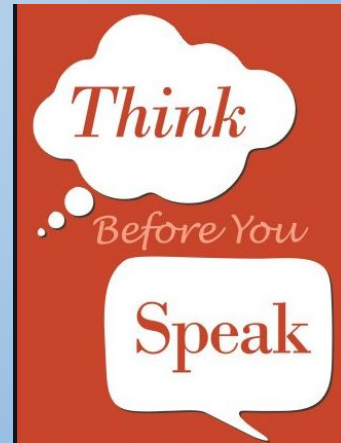




# Think Before You Speak

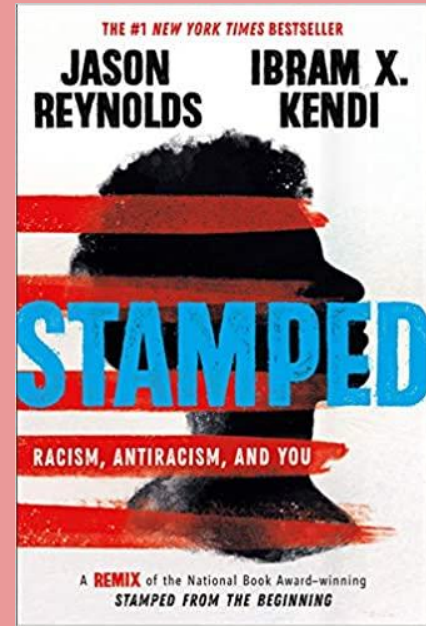
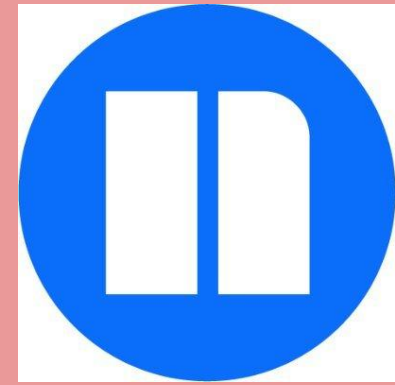
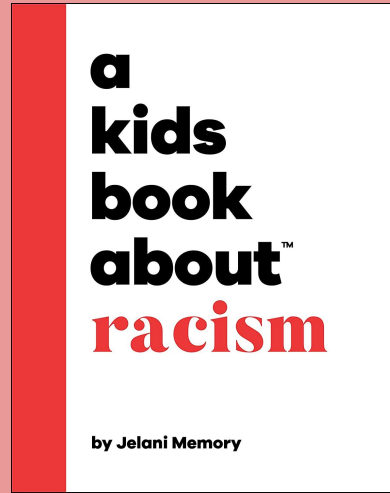
If you just said something, but it did not come out the way you wanted it to, there are some ways to prevent it next time.

- Think about how it might feel to someone else if you say something.
- If you say something but it came out wrong, make sure you correct yourself.
- If others also say something that came out wrong, it is a good idea for you to help them correct themselves.



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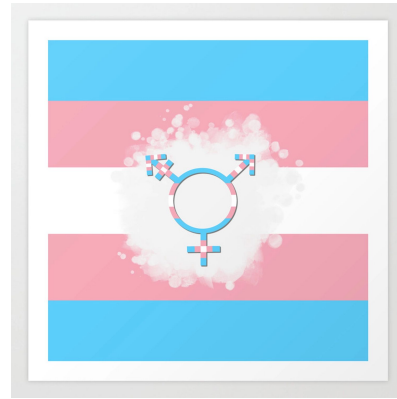
It's important to understand racism and what it means. You can read books like *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds or *a kids book about racism* by Jelani Memory. Also you can read articles online about the history of racism and what you can do today. You can find kid-friendly articles on sites like *Newsela*.



# Put Minorities in Positions of Power



- Help to find people of color to hire for job positions.
- Hire minority teachers so they can help kids understand.
- Spread awareness about strong minorities who are running for positions that can make changes like who's on school boards, holds positions in the government, or is the mayor.
- Having a diverse staff will create a better example to others and will encourage others who are discriminated against to join and feel welcome.



**Let Others Know How You Feel!**





# Tell an Adult If You See Racist Actions

Right by my house there's a lamp post. One day I saw something very faint, and I realized that it was a swastika. I told my mom, and she called the police. That night we got a report from the police saying that it was from the eighties, and they covered it with duct tape. A couple of months ago when my family was on a walk, we saw another swastika and did the same thing as before. It really helps to speak up!





# Call Out Racist Jokes or Statements

If someone says something that is offensive to people of different ethnicities, then tell them that it might offend certain groups. Stand up for other people. That is a way to combat racism.

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# Talk to Anyone You Can about What You Think

Even during the pandemic, if you talk to people, you help spread the message about Black Lives Matter. Also make sure you tell others about your opinion, you can compare with theirs and make a better decision.



# Educate Yourself

I don't know everything about racism, so to educate myself about racism, I read books or read websites. People are being racist everyday and every second. During the presidential election there were a lot of racist actions.

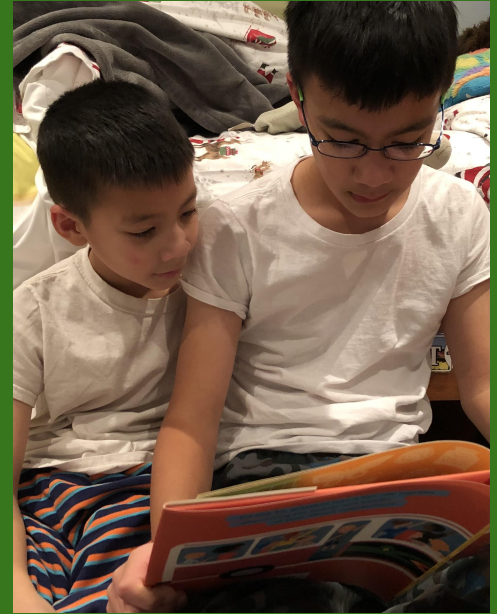
I'm not of color, so I don't know how it feels for people to be racist about you. A friend taught me a lot.

Even though my friend has taught me so much, I still ask questions, read books, watch the news, and remind myself that I can do something to help out.



# Educate Others

It is very important to help people understand your views even if they disagree with you. Your perspective on an issue is probably different from theirs, and it is always good to have multiple angles on anything. Make sure you aren't drawing conclusions without all the facts, and help other people draw their own conclusions based on the full story.





A photograph of a single-story house with beige siding and a brown roof. The house features a large arched window with a decorative leaded glass pattern. To the left of the arch is a standard window, and to the right is a red door with a transom window. Flower boxes with pink flowers are mounted under the windows and door. The front yard is landscaped with a green lawn, a large tree on the left, and a flower bed with pink and yellow flowers. Two black signs with white text are placed in the grass in the foreground.

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**Put up signs  
It shows your  
community that you  
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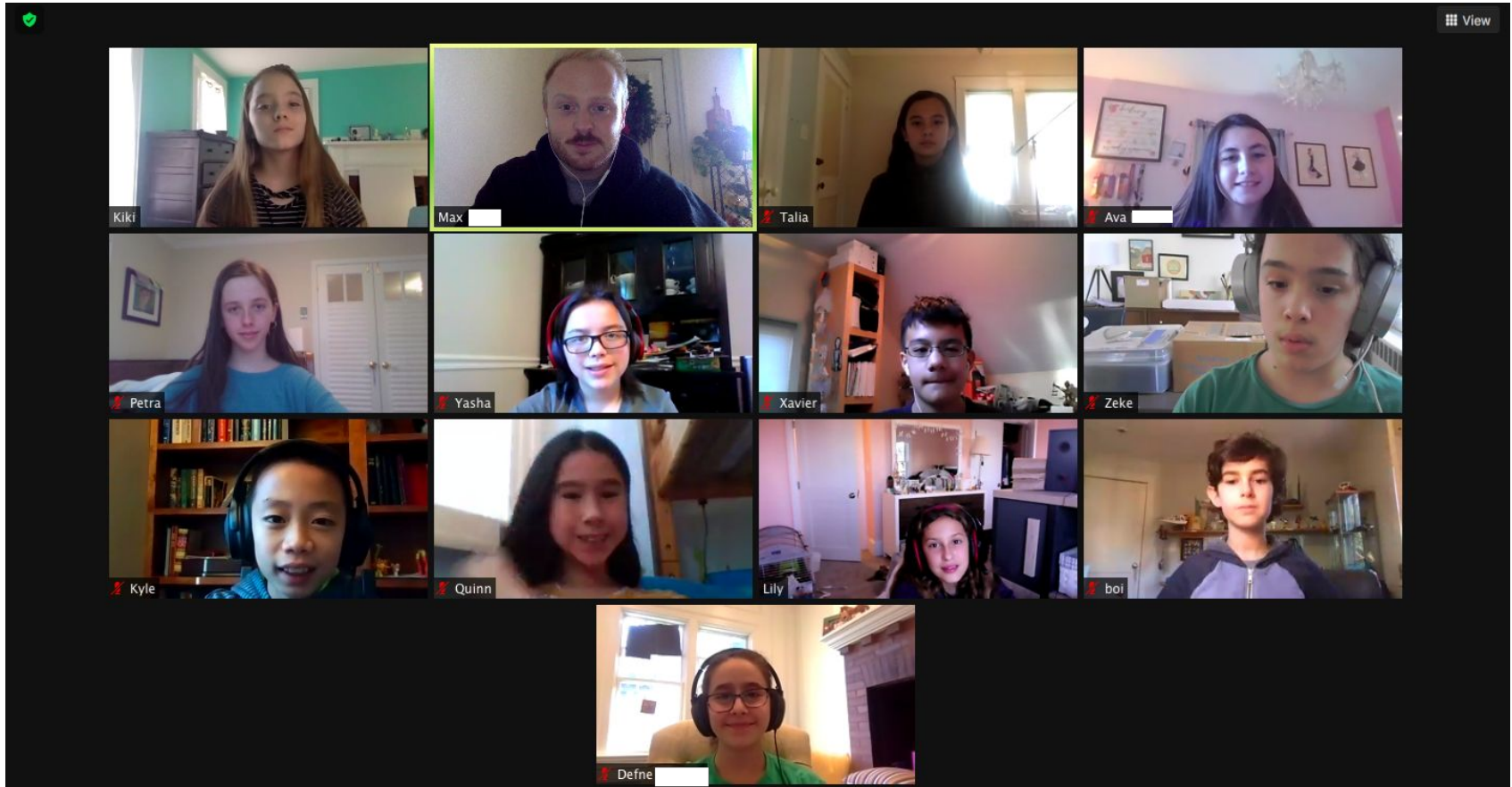


# **Educating Kids about Racism When They're Young / Don't Shy Away from the Topic**

Sometimes people avoid telling young kids about racism and what's happening right now. I think that this is wrong because kids need to know what's happening around them. They need to know how bad things are in the U.S. right now so that they can do something about it. Yes, the topic is pretty terrible to hear about and could theoretically scare young kids, but even so, that is better than staying silent and having them be unaware of current events. That is why educating kids on racism at a young age is important.



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