

ReconciliACTION at Home

How to speak to your kids about Reconciliation at home:

<https://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/sharing-the-message-of-truth-and-reconciliation-with-your-kids>

How to practice Reconciliation at home:

- Provide opportunities for your children to:
 - read books by Indigenous authors (<https://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/10-beautiful-indigenous-childrens-books-to-add-to-your-library>)
 - learn a bit of the language of the local Indigenous People (example: apps, <https://www.mikmaqonline.org/>)
 - attend cultural opportunities (example: Powwows - <http://calendar.powwows.com/events/categories/pow-wows/pow-wows-in-new-brunswick/>)
 - visit First Nation communities (https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/aboriginal_affairs/fnc.html)
 - ask questions and share what they have learned
- Purchase from Indigenous entrepreneurs, artists, etc
- Watch videos, shows, etc about Indigenous Peoples together as a family (example: APTN)
- Take a free online course like this one: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada> and teach your kids about the full history of this land – use this site to begin your learning!
- Check out these great ideas from <https://kidshelpphone.ca/get-info/12-ways-to-participate-in-reconciliation>

1. research First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in your area to understand their history and contributions to society
2. watch movies by Indigenous filmmakers or read Indigenous literature
3. learn more about Indigenous arts and artists
4. attend local Indigenous cultural events open to the public
5. research and do a presentation on reconciliation for your class or organization
6. learn the land acknowledgement in your area. If there isn't one, consider reaching out to your local government to engage Indigenous peoples in the area to create one. Encourage your school or organization to give a daily land acknowledgement as part of their morning routine and at important events.
7. visit a local Indigenous organization and/or Friendship Centre
8. participate in Secret Path Week, Orange Shirt Day, Bear Witness Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day and/or other important national and local Indigenous awareness events
9. ask an Indigenous representative or Elder to visit your school or organization to share their knowledge. When preparing your request, it's important to learn about and follow proper protocols (e.g. you may need to present an Elder with tobacco or an honorarium during their visit).
10. study an Indigenous language (especially one used in your area)
11. if you're a student, consider asking your teaching to sign up for the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund's new Legacy Schools program
12. organize a fundraising event for a charity that supports Indigenous peoples