

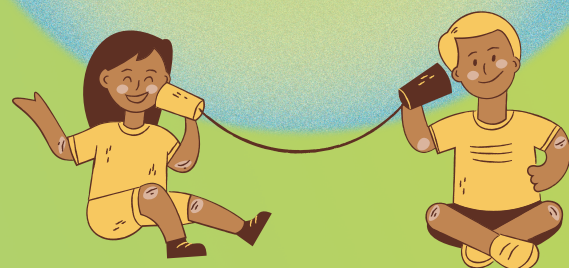


HOW TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT POLICE VIOLENCE

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AIM FOR A DIALOGUE,
NOT A LECTURE.

No matter how
you talk about
what happened,
pause regularly
to ask for input
or questions



TALK ABOUT RACISM. WITH
LITTLE KIDS, FRAME IT IN
TERMS OF FAIRNESS.

If you're not sure
how to talk to kids
about racism,
consider tapping into
the concept of
fairness, because if
there's one thing kids
care about, it's
fairness



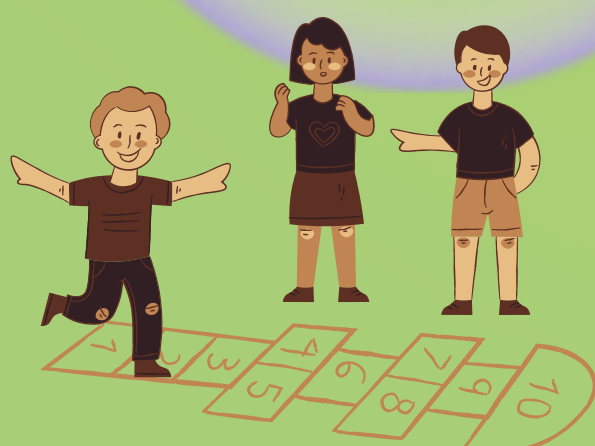
EXPLAIN HOW
RACISM LEADS TO
POLICE BRUTALITY.

A simple way to
describe police
brutality is by saying
that police officers
are meant to protect
us but that in some
cases, they abuse
that power.



WITH OLDER KIDS, TALK
ABOUT SYSTEMS AND RULES.

Talk about how the
police force is a system
with rules and habits
that police are
expected to follow. In
the police force, some
rules and habits are
racist.



HOW TO EXPLAIN TO A CHILD WHY
MOST OF THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO
BEAT TYRE NICHOLS WERE BLACK:

Kids may understand racism
as typically being white-on-
Black, but of course it's
more complicated than that.
The Black officers were
operating within the police
system, where they may have
felt pressure to fit in and
behave in racist ways.



WHEN TALKING TO BLACK KIDS,
EXPLAIN WHAT THEY CAN DO TO
TRY TO STAY SAFE.

Find a balance
between reactive
(negative)
conversations about
oppression and
proactive (positive)
conversations about
hope and change.

