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In this season of Thanksgiving, many of us meet with friends and family to celebrate our blessings. When reflecting on our culturally diverse friendships, the GenParenting bloggers



have previously published blogs on how we can raise culturally sensitive children by modeling acceptance, sharing interests, participating in interfaith events, and partnering in community services and school activities. We have shared thoughtful experiences of how our children have shared their American culture with children from other countries. And we have celebrated various heritages at diversity events per the calendar of events at www.diversitycentral.com.

Questions for Consideration

As you plan for another Thanksgiving, consider the following questions that you can discuss with your

family:

Consider your family's experiences with diverse cultures:

Have you organized playdates and meals with friends from other countries?

Have you celebrated a special event or shared a cultural holiday together?

What have you learned from these various activities?

Have you invited friends from other cultures to your home to share their lives with you?

Do you create art projects or cook food from other cultures?

Do you read books and watch shows about other cultures and discuss what you have learned?

How do you learn about and share various cultures?

What museums, art exhibits, community fairs, churches, park activities, and school events can you participate in with your children to learn about another culture?

When considering your upcoming Thanksgiving celebration, how can you share other cultures at the family dinner?

What can you share about your culture with your family at Thanksgiving?

What culturally sensitive traditions have you created for your family? (i.e. collecting holiday decorations from various cultures, art, books, and sharing holiday dinners with friends from diverse cultures)

How does your family promote "equity for all" in your daily activities?

How do community groups support "equity for all" when

sharing various cultural practices?

What are five primary values you can share with your family about other cultures?

How should education and community services support “equity for all”?

Building Cultural Sensitivity Awareness

May the peace and joy of sharing various cultures at Thanksgiving time expand your friendships and cultural sensitivity awareness.

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