

Children of the World

Throughout the planning process, the children will research different cultures and countries, and will share their findings within several different Build Day activities.

Age Appropriateness:

5-8, 9-12, 13+

Key Topics:

Cultural Awareness

Respect

Appreciation

Skills:

Creativity

Critical thinking

Researching

Materials:

Will depend on what Build Day activities you choose

Time Considerations:

1-2 Hours to research the countries

1+ Hours for Build Day activities (depending on what you choose)

5-10 minutes for a Closing Ceremony presentation

OBJECTIVES

- Make the children aware of how unique different cultures can be, and the importance of respecting them.
- Help the children appreciate different cultural backgrounds, including their own.



Preparation

- Hold session for students and explain the project to them.
- Create a timeline with objectives that they need to complete each week.
- Brainstorm with the children on ways they can share the information they've learned with the volunteers on Build Day (multicultural cookbook, a mural with different flags of the countries, a world map, a song or performance, etc).

Action

- Assign different cultures and/or countries to different groups of kids.
- Provide the children with the resources to research these cultures.
- Decide what activities they will be doing on Build Day. (Assemble a materials list accordingly).
- Incorporate any performances or artwork into the Closing Ceremony

Reflection

Ask the children what they have learned throughout this activity.

What is one interesting thing they learned about their cultural background? What have they learned about a different background?

Talk about the importance of respect and appreciation for different cultures. Teach them how service learning can empower them to spread this message to others.