

# Let's Celebrate Black History Month

All Picture Books this month will feature African American characters



## Books:

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman  
**Dance with Me** by Charles R. Smith\*  
**Every Little Thing** by Cedelia Marley\*  
**Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting  
**Here Comes Trouble** by Corinne Demas  
**I Like Myself** by Karen Beaumont  
**Jazz Baby** by Lisa Wheeler  
**Lola at the Library** by Anna McQuinn  
**Lola Reads to Leo** by Anna McQuinn  
**One Love** by Cedelia Marley\*  
**Pet Show** by Ezra Jack Keats  
**Peter's Chair** by Ezra Jack Keats  
**Please, Baby, Please** by Spike Lee\*  
**Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles** by Leo Dillon\*  
**The Colors of Us** by Karen Katz

*\*denotes African-American authors*

## Flannel boards (2)

Corduroy (8 pieces)  
The Snowy Day (12 pieces)

## Fingerplays, songs, rhymes:

### I Am Special

*(tune: "Are You Sleeping?")*

I am special, I am special,  
Look at me, Look at me.  
A very special person, A very special person  
That is me, That is me.

### Friends, Friends, 1,2,3

Friends, Friends, 1,2,3,  
All of my friends are here with me.  
You're my friend, you're my friend.  
You're my friend, you're my friend.  
Friends, Friends, 1,2,3,

### If You're Friendly

*(tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")*

If you're friendly and you know it,  
Clap your hands.  
If you're friendly and you know it,  
Clap your hands.  
If you're friendly and you know it,  
And you really want to show it.  
If you're friendly and you know it,  
Clap your hands!

### I Have a Dream

I have a dream, said Martin Luther King  
We're gonna make that dream come true.  
Let freedom ring, said Martin Luther King,  
It's up to me and you.  
It's not the color of your hair,  
It's not the color of your skin,  
It doesn't matter what you wear,  
It's the character within.  
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### Let's Celebrate

People all are different  
*(point to everyone in the room)*  
Each one is unique  
*(hold up one finger)*  
I can tell when I see them  
*(point to eyes)*  
I can tell when they speak  
*(point to mouth)*  
That's what's so exciting  
That's why our country's great  
We all are different  
*(point to everyone in the room)*  
Come let's celebrate.

### Let's Join Hands

Let's join hands and circle round,  
Let's tell the world what we have found.  
We're each unique, like our names,  
Yet deep inside we're all the same

Our clothes may be different,  
Our skin color too.  
But we each have a dream  
That's shiny and new—

Where all of us live  
Free of the past,  
Sharing together  
A future at last.  
*-1001 Rhymes & Fingerplays*

### Special Special Special Me

*(tune: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")*  
Special special special me  
How I wonder what I'll be.  
In this big world I can be  
Anything I want to be.  
Special special special me  
How I wonder what I'll be.

### Friend of Mine

*(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")*  
Will you meet a friend of mine?  
Friend of mine?  
Friend of mine?  
Will you meet a friend of mine?  
This is my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

### Let's Find a Friend

*(tune: The Farmer in the Dell")*  
Let's find a friend,  
Oh, let's find a friend  
Heigh Ho the Derry-O!  
Let's find a friend!

Pick a child to start in the center  
(\_\_\_\_) find a friend,  
(\_\_\_\_) find a friend,  
Heigh Ho the Derry-O!  
(\_\_\_\_) find a friend.

### Me

I have 10 little fingers and 10 little toes  
*(hold up ten fingers )*  
Two little arms and one little nose  
*(raise arms and then point to nose)*  
One little mouth and two little ears  
*(point to mouth and ears)*  
Two little eyes for smiles and tears  
*(everyone smile )*  
One little head and two little feet  
*(shake head and feet )*  
One little chin; that's ME, complete!  
*(hold up arms)*

### In the Whole Wide World

In this whole wide world,  
*(make a circle with your two arms)*  
I can clearly see.  
*(put fingers around your eyes, looking through)*  
There is only one of you.  
*(point to other person)*  
And there is only one of me.  
*(point to yourself)*



Using crayons, construction paper, and multicultural die cuts we'll craft a picture of ourselves or maybe a character from one of the books read today in storytime.