



## CULTURE CONNECTIONS: Delve into diversity

**Age Range:** 3-5

### Skills/Subjects

- Appreciating & Understanding Diversity
- Language & Literacy
- Social & Emotional Development

### Materials

- *Hello! Goodbye!* by Alik
- music and picture books from/about diverse cultures

### Directions

Providing daily exposure to various cultures will enrich children's experiences and enable them to appreciate and share their own heritage. Ask your children to talk about their own heritage and what it means to them.

1. **Read and dance:** Find books and music about contemporary children in different countries. Invite children to dance to the music of different cultures.
2. **Learn many greetings:** Read *Hello! Goodbye!* by Alik. Sing the song "Hello Everybody" (below) as you teach the word for hello in several languages.

*Hello everybody, yes indeed, yes indeed, yes indeed.*

*Hello everybody, yes indeed. Yes indeed, my darling.*

Spanish: Hola

Italian: Buon giorno

Japanese: Konichi wa

Russian: Privet

Mandarin Chinese: Nea how

French: Bonjour

Hebrew: Shalom

### Take It Further

Look for cultural organizations holding events in your community. Invite family or friends to share their childhood experiences in other countries or among various U.S. cultures. Ask your guests to teach your children a game, song, dance, or greeting specific to their country or culture.



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