

Learning about family traditions and celebrations — a unit of work for early childhood

Investigating and appreciating the diversity of cultural backgrounds and traditions represented in a class helps to develop understanding, respect and empathy.

A number of resources which may be used as part of 'getting to know you' studies at the beginning of a school year, or form part of a specific history unit are available through subscription on readilearn.

The resources are designed to encourage family discussions about heritage and cultural traditions and invite students to share their family stories with each other.

Resources include:

- **Letter to parents — Family traditions and celebrations** introducing and explaining the unit (in both editable Word and PDF formats)
- **Family traditions and celebrations — Parent sheet:** Sheet for parents to complete with information about cultural and family traditions and celebrations (in both editable Word and PDF formats)
- **My family — Where we were born — World Map:** Map of the world for families to complete showing places of birth (2 layouts to choose from and an explanatory letter to parents)
- **My family traditions:**
 - 2 formats:
 - Editable PowerPoint to be completed by children using information supplied by parents
 - A PDF of the PowerPoint that may be printed, stapled into a booklet and completed by children using information supplied by parents
 - **Name flags for wall map:** Suggestion for creating wall display, including editable table for children's names

Some additional resources that support the unit include:

Picture book and song: *I am Freedom's Child*, [Bill Martin Jr.](#)

Picture book: [Whoever You Are](#), [Mem Fox](#)

Song: [I am, You are, We are Australian](#), Bruce Woodley (The Seekers)

Song: [Heal the World](#), Michael Jackson