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Joy in diversity

All families want the best for their child. However, 'the best' has different meanings for many families.

The word 'diversity' describes the fact that there are several possibilities of one single thing. For example, there is a variety of places to live, a variety of languages and a variety of feelings. Children are explorers of the world and are looking for new experiences from an early age. They need a variety of opportunities to try themselves. The best opportunity for this consists in the game. The society they grow into is also diverse.

Where do we play? Are there new places that we can explore and discover for ourselves?



Switch place. Inside: in different rooms, outside in different landscapes or in the park on the lawn. Is it dark or light? What is there to discover? What noises does my child hear? How much movement is possible? Who do we meet there?

Who do we play with? Can we invite or visit someone?



In every city, there are places for families where you can find out about free offers for families. There they can discover new venues and play partners. A playgroup, creche or day care centre is very good for children and parents!

What toys do we have? Does the toy have different sizes, materials and can it be used in different ways? Do our books show the diversity of families?



You do not often have to buy new things for your child. Good toys can also be found at home or in nature. A sofa becomes a ship, a branch becomes a propeller, a large cardboard box becomes a cave or an empty can becomes an instrument. The game offers unlimited possibilities!

Diversity in our family:

Every family has its own culture. These include, for example, the traditions, rules, values and the languages spoken. Luckily, we live in an open society. Here every family has the right to be as it is.



Cultural diversity is normal for us. Still, our brain plays tricks on us: we like the group we count ourselves in more than the other groups. The only thing that helps is: Meeting and exchange!

In contact with other people, we experience that our own values and behaviour, which we see as 'normal' and 'right', are just one of many possibilities.

For example, it can be difficult for us to accept that it is better for a family to eat together on a nice rug than on chairs at the table. Especially when we have learned ourselves: "You don't eat on the floor".

It is important to ask yourself where your idea of 'normal' comes from. Respect for diversity means: we recognise that both are equally good. Let us try something new together!



Children are open to new things. They often get involved more quickly with something unfamiliar. At the same time, they learn very early which groups in society have more power.



Every child should know:

- You belong to this. You are good just the way you are. You are right and important.
- If other children look, live or think differently, that is a good thing too.
- We can discuss differences. This expands our compassion and knowledge of the world.
- Growing up with multiple languages is a win.
- Because of
 - the skin colour
 - the gender
 - the language
 - the religion
 - the political or other different opinion
 - the origin
 - the wealth
 - a disability
 - the birth
 - the other status
 - the parents or guardian

no child shall be allowed to be devalued or have disadvantages.

We hope you and your child enjoy experiencing diversity!