

# CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH WITH YOUR FAMILY

Resources for Educating and Engaging Your Child



## What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth, short for “June Nineteenth,” commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

## Why do we celebrate?

The Civil War ended in April 1865, but news of emancipation didn't reach Texas until two months later. When troops finally arrived to signal freedom to the state's 250,000 slaves, celebrations broke out and Juneteenth was born!



## How can I teach my child about Juneteenth?

### 1. Read

Engage your child with books about Black History – [this list of staff picks](#) includes selections for young readers ages 4-12.

### 2. Listen

Follow along as authors read books about Juneteenth like [Juneteenth for Mazie](#).

### 3. Learn

Watch a kids-focused video on Juneteenth like [this one from BrainPOP](#).

### 4. Cook

[Enjoy traditional Juneteenth dishes](#) like cornbread and potatoes or red foods like strawberry soda and red velvet cake, which symbolize sacrifice and perseverance.

### 5. Create

Get creative with a Juneteenth craft! [Try making a Pan-African](#) flag using red, green and black construction paper, popsicle sticks or crayons.



Save the Children encourages parents and caregivers to talk with their child about the history of race in America. [Here are some tips to help guide the conversation.](#)

