

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE?

Here are a just a few suggestions to explore Black History Month and culture.

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1. Children's books are a great way for children to learn about African American history. Stories can be read aloud during a Sunday meeting or during a Kid's program. There are many good books available that are written by African American authors for children.



2. Take a group of young people to a sporting event. Discuss the challenges, accomplishments, and contributions of African Americans to that sports profession.
3. Are you familiar with *The Bible Experience*? More than 400 black actors, artist and ministers bring the entire bible to life in this audio project. Let this dramatic reading of scripture be a part of your Worship Resources. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16697288>
4. Test your knowledge of Black History & Culture with a Quiz! Create teams. Have fun! Go to BLACK CULTURE CONNECTION at <http://www.pbs.org/black-culture/connect/quizzes/>.
5. Visit an African American History or Cultural Museum. Invite a friend to attend a local concert, or festivals featuring African American musicians, speakers, and artists.
6. Listen to music of the many genres created by African Americans--Spirituals, jazz, gospel and many more! It's your choice! Investigate the stories and the composers behind your favorite gospel songs, such as "Precious Lord Take My Hand." Composed by Thomas Dorsey, an African American, this is a favorite.
7. Attend a movie or a play written by African Americans, with African American lead actors. Watch movies that reflect diversity and authentic storytelling about African Americans. Look for those films with an African American director, and an African American lead.
8. Look to the living history around you. Listen to the stories of women and men who are a part of the living history of The Salvation Army, officers who have struggled for the cause of justice and continue to!
9. Participate in a Sacred Conversation on Race, Culture & Reconciliation. Share meals and pray together. Develop relationships across cultures.
10. Do your research. Sports. Technology. Architecture. Entertainment. Education. The Environment. Transportation. Medicine. Faith. African Americans have made significant contributions to American culture.

11. Churches in your community may be hosting concerts, special services or other events with speakers addressing current events, relevant topics and themes.
12. Celebrate Black History throughout the year. Share your unique celebration.

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