

Family Reflection Page: Dr. Jennifer Kelly

Grade Level: Middle and High School

Use this reflection page to explore the thoughts and ideas expressed by Dr. Jennifer Kelly, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, in the Deeper Look Video about teaching children to accept difference.

1. What is one way in which the world is more accepting of diverse lifestyles now than when you were a child?

2. Dr. Kelly explains that children generalize: "If they see that there's prejudice, or hate, or disregard in one situation, they generalize what they see... to all situations." Describe a time when you observed this phenomenon of generalization in your own child.

3. Think about a time when you found yourself in the position of having to explain difference to your child. What about that situation do you feel like you handled well? What would you change about how you handled the situation if you could go back and do it again?

3. Dr. Kelly makes a lot of demands on parents to help their children be tolerant. Do you feel that her expectations of parents are realistic and fair? Why or why not? What does she say that feels doable and what feels unrealistic for you?
