

RILEY'S RAINFOREST

“Send down... from the clouds of Thy mercy the rains of Thy healing...”

—Bahá'u'lláh

Explore & Soar: Expand Your Horizons

Check out these fun ways to fly with diversity. How many can you try in 30 days?

- ☐ Read about someone from another culture and put yourself in their shoes.
- ☐ Watch a movie about a culture that fascinates you.
- ☐ Learn about the teachings of another religion.



- ☐ Listen to music from another part of the world.
- ☐ Pick a common phrase like “thank you” and learn it in six languages.
- ☐ Play a game from another country.
- ☐ Choose 10 cool places you'd like to visit someday and share them with your family.
- ☐ Try new foods from different countries.

Team Up with Diversity

It's so cool that there are tons of colorful birds where I live—cockatoos, parrots, and cockatiels of all shapes, sizes, and feathers. You should see our neighborhood canopy on a sunny day. It looks like a rainbow!

Not everyone is as wild about diversity as I am. When my teacher gave us a group project today, one of my teammates grumbled, “Do we *have* to work with the *foreign* birds?”

But I told him I was excited. Working with new, diverse friends can spark creativity! We all have unique viewpoints, and working with others from different backgrounds helps you see things from new perspectives. It can inspire you to think outside the box and come up with more imaginative ideas. So the

more diverse your team is, the more productive it can be. Cool, huh?

Diversity is super healthy for us in other ways, too. Being around many races and cultures can decrease prejudice, loneliness, and bullying. It encourages you to make friends who have different experiences, which can enrich your life. I've learned so much from my friends—ways to pray, how other cultures celebrate, and how to make the most delicious mango treats ever!

I told my classmate about some of this stuff, but he still seemed doubtful. When we met our new friends, though, he actually started to hit it off with them. We came up with some awesome ideas. And we thought of a team name: *Diversi-FLY!*



DIVERSITY IS GOOD FOR US!

Curiosity Canopy



Did you know that diverse animals sometimes work together? In Africa, ostriches have great teamwork with grazing animals, such as antelopes and zebras. Ostriches use their height and sharp eyesight to help alert the grazers to predators, while the grazers stir up insects and rodents for the ostriches to eat. It's a win-win!