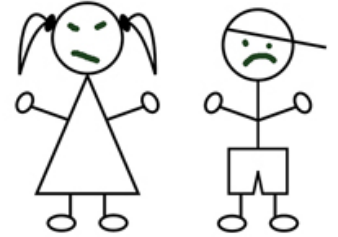


Designing Peace

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A Difference of Opinion:

Have you ever had a disagreement with your parents, or your brother or sister? How about with your friends? Maybe you wanted to go to the park but your mom wanted to go to the supermarket, or you wanted pizza for dinner but your sister wanted mac-n-cheese? Every day, we are faced with differences of opinion and have to figure out how to compromise. Sometimes you might not get exactly what you want. That can be very frustrating.



You are not alone! In fact, the same thing happens with adults. They may have different opinions on things like religion, who owns the land behind your house, who goes to what schools, or how people with different cultures in a community are treated.

Different but Equal

Think about all the ways that humans are alike! We all eat, sleep, laugh and cry. (And yes, we all go to the bathroom too). People are also social, we like to spend time with family and friends. Most people live in an area with other families. This makes a **community**. Each community often has its own unique **culture**, like special foods, music, art, houses, and clothing. A group of people in who share a common culture or background may be called an **ethnic group, a race or a tribe**.



When we visit a place far away from our own community, we get to see how differently other people live. This is called **diversity**. It can be fun and exciting to see all the diversity in this world and learn about how other people live.

Why Wars?

Sometimes, when people from different ethnic groups, races or tribes live very close to each other, disagreements can happen. When big groups of people or even entire countries cannot agree, sometimes a war breaks out. People might fight with each other, they may yell at each other, hurt or can even kill each other. When that happens, Nobody wins.

Have you ever asked your parents or teachers why do wars happen? Why can't people just make up? Sometimes adults will say, "it's more complicated than you think" or "you're too young to understand". Well, at 3Dux, we think you are not too young to understand. You have to learn how to resolve problems with friends and family every single day, and you probably have some very good ideas. We want to know what your ideas are.



This sketch by a boy from Darfur depicts a typical scene of destruction in his community.

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