

# CHILDREN JUST LIKE ME

A unique celebration of children around the world

**A celebration of kids and their cultures from around the world  
in a 2,500 square-foot national traveling exhibit  
from Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal.**

**Based on DK Publishing's award-winning book by the same title,  
Children Just Like Me™ showcases the unique diversity  
of the world's children while exploring the common bonds they share.**

**Eleven vignettes take young visitors around the world  
to meet their peers on six continents.  
Self-paced, hands-on activities in each vignette strengthen  
cross-cultural connections through a variety of learning styles.**

**Compelling life-size cut-outs of each child stand alongside authentic  
three-dimensional representations of their homes and surroundings.**

**Discover each child's language, food, games,  
music, pets, clothing and much more  
through multi-sensory interactives in each area.**

**COME CELEBRATE THE WORLD'S CHILDREN WITH US!**



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## Children Just Like Me™

### General Requirements

- 10-foot ceiling height required
- Additional electric for audio and lighting suggested
- Minimum door opening required for crates is 8' H x 6' W

### Cost

- \$25,000 for period of 13 weeks average
  - \$5,000 deposit
- \$8,500 pro-rated shipping (2 trucks)
- On-site insurance during the run of the exhibition
- The above costs include supporting educational and marketing materials

### Supporting Materials (mailed 3 months in advance of opening date)

#### Educational Materials

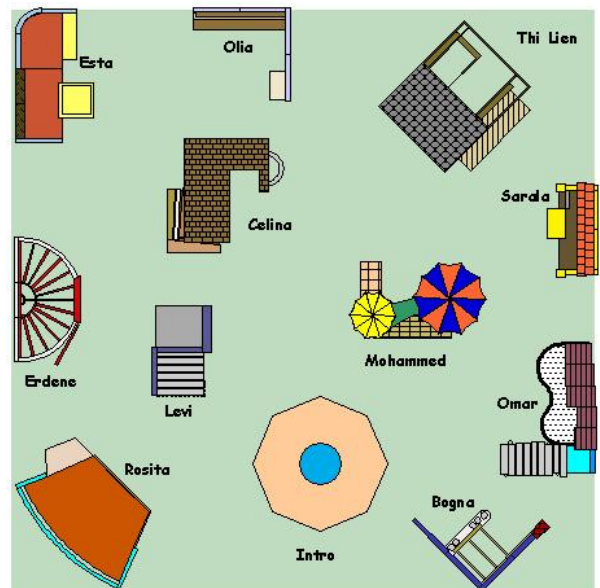
- Activity Book (K-8)
- Multi-cultural Game Instructions
- Crafts & Activity Instructions
- Take-Home Activities/Handout Instructions
- A Master Copy of Passport Exhibit Guides
- Museum Based School Programs
  - *Let's All Celebrate!*
  - *Welcome To My Home*
- Themes and Activities for Schoolteachers

#### Marketing Package

- Sample press releases
- Print ads
- Color exhibit images
- Sample materials from previous venues

#### Exhibit Manual

- Installation instructions
- Sample floor plan (*Our staff will assist you to create a custom floor plan for your exhibit gallery*)
- Crate and blanket wrap lists
- Shipping layouts for loading the trucks



### Itinerary

For a current itinerary, please call us at 1.800.733.2077, extension 1-7061 or visit [http://www.cincymuseum.org/information\\_center/traveling\\_exhibits/Exhibits.asp](http://www.cincymuseum.org/information_center/traveling_exhibits/Exhibits.asp)

# *Children Just Like Me™*

2,500 ft<sup>2</sup>

## Educational Standards

### Significant humanities themes

A celebration of kids and their cultures from around the world  
Fostering understanding of diverse traditions through language, games, music, clothing and more.

### Content

Based on the DK book, *Children Just Like Me™*  
Explores the everyday world of children on six continents  
Increases an understanding of the geography of the world

### Take-home concepts

Discovering the rich diversity of cultural traditions throughout the world, and at the same time ...  
Learning that children everywhere share common bonds

## Exhibit Contents

(Subject to change)

An introductory computer interactive encourages young visitors to discover the languages of all eleven children in the exhibit.

Computer stations and digital audio players will furnish first-hand experiences of the language, music, ambient sounds, and geographical location of the culture featured in each vignette.

An over-sized globe will give children the opportunity to push buttons to identify the places and children they will be visiting, and to offer a way for children to make relational comparisons of the geography.

Activity-oriented passports will be used to provide self-guided tours and assist parents and teachers in exploring exhibit-related themes. Stamping stations will be located at each vignette to use with the passports so that children can take their multi-cultural experiences home with them.

And now we begin our journey...

### **CELINA** (Say-lee-na)

**Celina is nine years old. She is a Tembe Indian and lives in the Amazon rain forest of Brazil, South America.**

- Climb into Celina's canoe and paddle on the river near her home.
- Pull the rope to draw water from Celina's village well.
- Identify the sounds of the rain forest. There is one sound Celina thinks might be a whistling monster called a Matim.
- Crawl into Celina's bed—a hammock. Do you think you would like to sleep in a hammock?
- Be sure to stamp your passport book.

### OMAR (O-MAR)

Omar is eight years old, and lives with his family near the town of Cancun in southeastern Mexico. Cancun is on the beautiful coastline of the Gulf of Mexico in Central America.

- Omar loves to swim in the ocean. He snorkels almost everyday exploring coral reefs, looking for the brightly-colored fish that live there. Try on Omar's mask and flippers. Do you think it would be fun to snorkel?
- Omar is very good at math. You can see Omar's math book. Try and trace the big numbers in his book!
- Omar has a pet named Gertrudis. Can you guess what kind of animal she is by the clues Omar gives you? (a tortoise!) You can help Omar give Gertrudis a bath.
- Peer over the edge of the boat dock and see what Omar might see when he snorkels. (A full-color, life size video of fish is below!)
- Make a stamp in your passport book.

### BOGNA (Bog-na)

Bogna is ten years old, and lives with her family on a farm in Poland in central Europe.

- Listen to Bogna play the recorder and make a selection from her favorite tunes that she will happily play for you.
- Bogna loves to make masks and puppets. Look at the ones Bogna has made for you to see. Take-home instructions are available so you can make your own creations too.
- Perform your own puppet show using Bogna's castle puppet stage.
- There are animals everywhere on Bogna's farm. Listen to the animal sounds and guess which one is Bogna's favorite as she says their names in Polish.
- Don't forget to stamp your passport book.

### THI LIEN (Tee Lee-an)

Thi Lien is nine years old, and lives high in the mountains of northern Vietnam. She belongs to a tribe of hill people call the Dao, (pronounced Zow).

- Play Thi Lien's favorite game of *Truyen*, a game similar to pick up sticks and jacks combined.
- Thi Lien's mother makes all of Thi Lien's clothes for her. Thi Lien likes wearing her Batik *lamchu*, a traditional Dao outfit. A *Lamchu* has several different pieces to it. See if you can dress yourself in *Lamchu*.
- Help Thi Lien collect firewood by loading her basket and carrying it back to her house.
- Pet the nose of Thi Lien's buffalo, and hear him "bellow".
- Make a stamp mark in your passport book.

### ESTA (Es-ter)

Esta is twelve years old, and she belongs to the Maasai people of East Africa. She lives at a place called Sanya Station in Tanzania.



- Esta's colorful necklaces are made from hundreds of beads that are put together in beautiful patterns. Try making some patterns with the string and beads provided, or snap together a simple necklace to try on.
- Esta wears a uniform to school, but changes into her *rubeka* when she gets home. Try on fabric similar to Esta's *rubeka*. Her clothing is very colorful.
- The grassy savanna around Esta's home is full of all kinds of wildlife. Listen to sounds of the animals, and see if you can identify the animals by what you hear.
- Create clay models like the one's Esta makes of animals that live on the African savanna.
- Stamp your passport book.

### **SARALA** (Sa-ra-la)

Sarala is nine years old, and lives in a village by the sea in Tamil Nadu, a state at the southern tip of India.



- Try on a traditional Indian sari. It is very colorful.
- Sarala has left some bracelets for you to try on. Slip your hand into her bracelets and see how you look in them.
- Help grind the fragrant spices her mother uses for cooking Sarala's favorite fish dish with spicy *masala* sauce using a pestle and mortar.
- Sarala has a pet named Amu. Guess what kind of animal Amu is by the sound he makes.
- Remember to stamp your passport book.

### **ROSITA** (Rose-ee-tah)

Rosita is eight years old, and lives in Western Australia. Her family belongs to the Nyangumarta people, an Aboriginal group that lives in a community called Bidyadanga. The Aboriginal people were Australia's first inhabitants, and have lived there for more than 40,000 years.

- Rosita has been learning about the circus at school. See the pictures she has drawn? Draw some pictures or write a story of your own on Rosita's tablet.
- Rosita lives close to the beach. Sometimes they catch fish and barbecue them over hot coals on the beach. Help Rosita catch fish for dinner.
- Don't forget to make a stamp in your passport book.

### **MOHAMMED** (Moe-hom-ed)

Mohammed is nine years old, and lives in Cairo, the capital city of Egypt, in Northern Africa. Like most people in Egypt, Mohammed is a Muslim.

- Mohammed lives very close to a busy market. Let's go shopping in the market. Duck under the colorful umbrellas that provide shade, as you place market items in your bag.
- Egypt is famous for its pyramids which were built thousands of years ago. The pyramid at Giza is close to Mohammed's home in Cairo. Using the blocks provided, build your own pyramids.
- Mohammed wants to be a policeman when he grows up so he can look after his country. Tell the computer what your parents do, and what you want to be when you grow up. Then see what careers other children have chosen for themselves.
- Don't forget to stamp your passport book.

### **LEVI** (Lee-vi)

Levi is eight years old, and lives in Canada in a remote town called Iqaluit on the coast of Baffin Island, in the Arctic Circle. He is *Inuk* (Inuit). The Inuit are one of the indigenous peoples of northern Canada.

- Notice the light level coming in through Levi's window. This far North, the sun rises above the horizon for only two hours in the winter. Turn a dial to three different times of year and see the light level changes.
- The thing that Levi likes doing best is playing ice hockey. Try on Levi's black team jersey and check out his ice hockey figures on his bedroom shelf.
- Levi's favorite class is math. Practice your math skills by answering some of the math problems Levi has left for you.
- Levi loves to play with his toy cars. You can push his toy cars around on the race track in his bedroom.
- Remember to stamp your passport book.

### **ERDENE** (Ehr-den-nay)

Erdene is ten years old, and comes from Mongolia, in Central Asia. He lives in a remote area called Tsaluu where his family breeds horses, cows, sheep, and goats. For most of the week, Erdene and his family lives in a village 6 miles from Tsaluu, so that Erdene can go to school.



- Erdene's home in Tsaluu is a large circular tent, called a *ger*. Walk inside the *ger*, and discover the colorful furnishings. Borrow a *hivs* (a small rug to sit on) and place it on the seat before you sit down.
- Erdene loves horse racing. He rides his horse everyday during the summer. He enters a race of 300 riders every July. You can pet Erdene's horse on the nose while he waits for Erdene to saddle him up.
- Play a horse racing game using playing pieces of sheep ankle bones called *Shagai*.
- Erdene wears Mongolian boots with upturned toes, called *Mongul gutal*. You can try on a pair of boots too.
- The white canvas that covers the *ger* is held in place with ropes made from horses tails. Practice braiding a rope that helps hold up the *ger*.
- Make a stamp in your passport book.

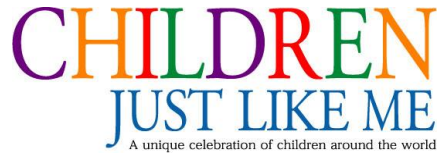
### **OLIA** (Oh-lee-ah)

Olia is eight years old, and lives in a suburb of Moscow, the capital city of Russia.

- Even at age 8, Olia is training to be a professional ballerina. Try on her ballet slippers and tutu and look in the mirror to see if you can do some ballet positions like Olia!
- Listen to some Russian Ballet music and see if you can guess Olia's favorite piece. (The Nutcracker).
- Make a stamp in your passport book.

## Letter of Intent

You have expressed interest in hosting the Cincinnati Museum Center's traveling exhibit:



For the following tour dates: (please write in)

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

To hold the indicated dates for 30 days, please complete this form and return to the Department of Traveling Exhibits at Cincinnati Museum Center at the address below. If the form is not returned, we cannot hold a slot for your organization. Within 14 days of receiving the signed Letter of Intent, CMC will issue an Exhibition Agreement to confirm the dates and provide exhibit facts and conditions. The host organization/venue will have 30 days to sign the Exhibition Agreement and submit the indicated deposit. If an Exhibition Agreement is not signed and a deposit not received within the prescribed time, the exhibit dates will be released.

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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