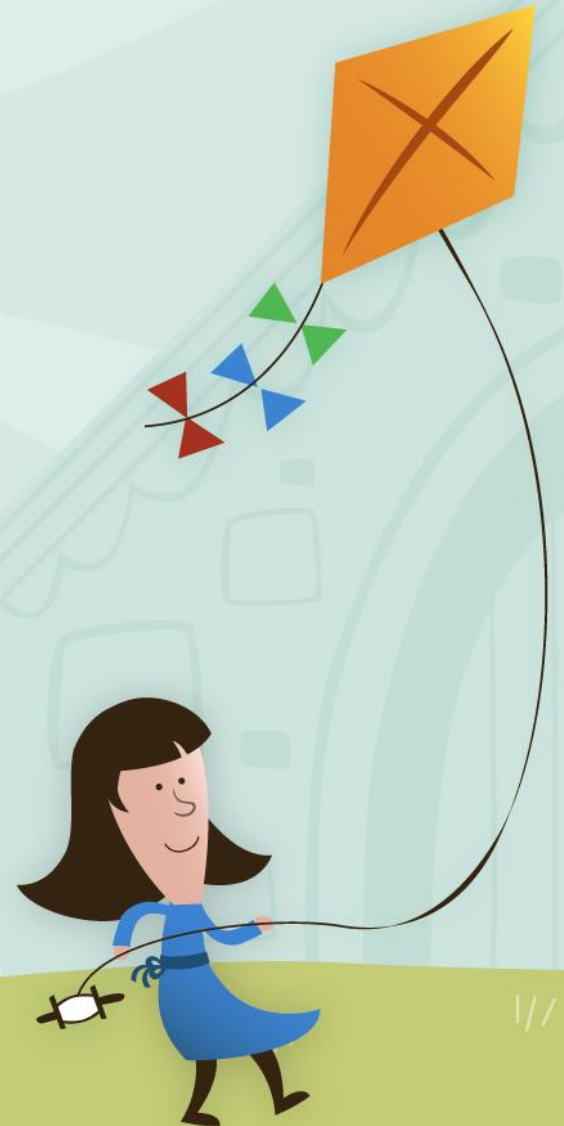


Gender



To be free to blossom



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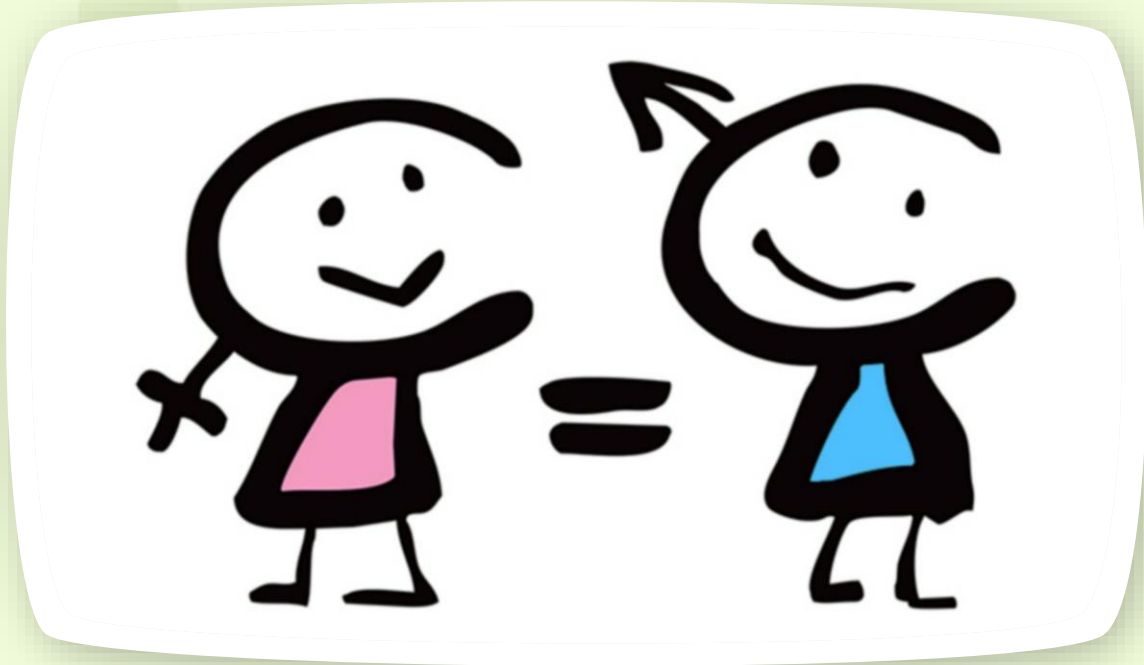


Describe the children you see in the first picture.

What do they have in common with the second picture?

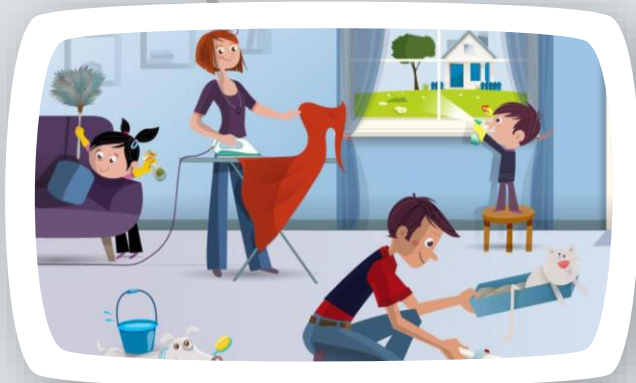
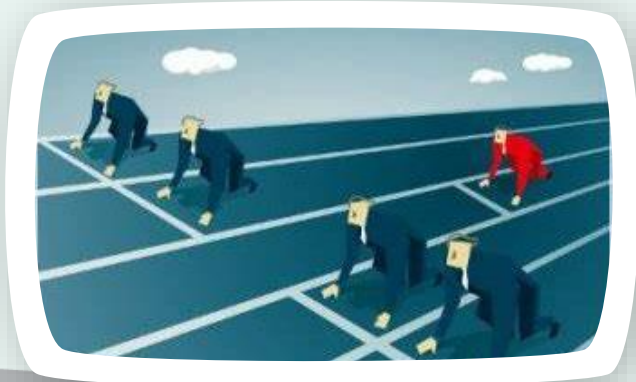
We see **smiling children** (common point) but with **differences**: skin color, eyes, hair, clothes... Like the pieces of a puzzle, we are all human beings (identical) but with differences that make us unique. The society we live in comprises **different human beings** (puzzle pieces) that form **one and unique group** (puzzle).

WHAT IS EQUALITY ?



Equality between people means having access to the same rights despite our differences.





Do these images represent Equality? Why?



Equality : images 1, 3
Inequality : images 2, 4, 5.

WHO HAS AN IDEA OF WHAT GENDER MEANS?

Children's answers:

Girl, boy, male, female



It is the **characteristic** of being a **man** or a **woman**, a **boy** or a **girl**. It is related to **being perceived** by others as a man or a woman.



Their **physical sex** usually distinguishes a person's gender: most often, we are born with a 'willy' that makes us a boy or a 'fanny,' making us a girl. We often associate the two sexes with certain elements (clothes, haircuts...).

In the top right image, we can see that both the boy with the soccer ball and the girl in the dance outfit do not seem happy to be doing these activities. While in the picture below, the man is pleased to do housework, and the woman is glad to do DIY project. Whereas in society, it is generally thought that DIY work is for men and cleaning is for women. **But do you think this is fair and equitable thinking?**

WITH WHOM ARE THESE ELEMENTS MOST OFTEN ASSOCIATED?

Men
Boys

Women
Girls



THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE IN ORDER TO BLOSSOM

There are automatically **two boxes** in our minds: the boy's box and the girl's box, to which we associate elements.

Examples :

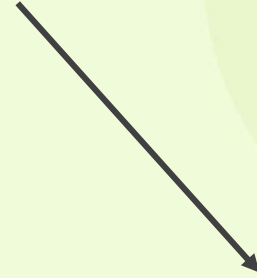
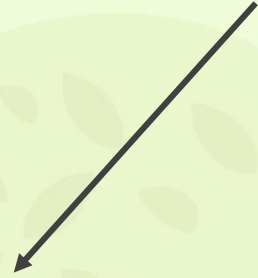
princess	long hair
GIRL	
dancing	doll pink

soccer	knight	blue
BOY		
short Hair	trucks	

But in reality, there is only **one big box** in which we find all human beings. In this box, **everyone is free** to play the sports they want, to play the games they like, to wear the clothes they feel good in if it just makes them feel **HAPPY.**



Gender



The body at birth :

- Male sex.
- Female sex.

Gender identity and

expression: what I feel I am, my clothes, my haircut, my name... What makes me happy.



TO CONCLUDE

- Each individual is at the same time **similar** (all human beings) but also **different** (skin color, eyes, hair type, hair length...) like a puzzle.
- Equality means having access to the **same rights** regardless of our physical, religious, social, gender, or sexual orientation differences.
- There are no boy or girl **boxes** that restrict us in our activities, desires, preferences, choices, tastes...
- Gender Equality = **The freedom to choose to blossom.**



THANK YOU CHILDREN

- SEE YOU NEXT WEEK FOR ANOTHER STORY

