

Children Prefer Peers Who Share Their Beliefs (APSSC Award Winner)

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In two studies on belief-based preference, 6-9-year-old children reported preferences for religious in-group members and for peers who shared their religious, factual, and preference-based beliefs. These experiments demonstrate preferential treatment in children when others differ in mental states rather than perceptual cues.

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