



Tools / Materials:

Photos, stories, maps, special family objects, traditions and favorite foods

Steps to Take:

Steps detailed below



AT HOME

If you have 3 minutes

- When getting ready for bed talk about who is in your family. Bring up your family in conversations with your child. Use the words brother, sister, niece, aunt, etc.
- When sitting together with the family at mealtime talk about who is at the table- using their name and their relationship (brother, sister, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather).

If you have more time

- Have your child draw a picture of the family. Help them label the members of the family. Play dress up and have your child dress like other family members.
- Use family photos to talk about your family. Find pictures of families in books and magazines-how are they the same or different?
- Have parents or grandparents talk about their childhood.

Words to Know:

Family Mother Father Sister Brother Uncle Aunt
 Cousin Grandparent Relative Same/different



ON THE GO

If you have 3 minutes

- Play "I'm thinking of" and give clues like someone who is taller than you, has brown hair, who has taken a plane to visit us, etc.
- Talk about family members who are not there. Explain that grandmother is mom or dad's mother; uncle is mom or dad's brother, etc.
- Talk about each family member's hair color, eyes, interests, hobbies. Talk about the roles of each family member and each member's responsibilities.

If you have more time

- Play "Remember the time when..." and talk about something that has happened in the recent past- like a birthday party or visiting a relative.

Possible Observations:

Use words to describe family members; names family members by relationship; learns family history; explores and builds family identity; identifies people in photographs

Learning Together Everywhere!