

Clover Kid Project

My Family



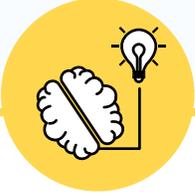
DETAILS

Time:

- Approximately 30 minutes

Age Range:

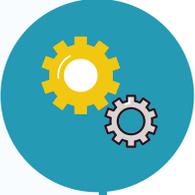
- Preschool/Elementary



OBJECTIVES

Children will :

- explain how family structures are diverse.
- describe what makes their family unique as they create an illustration depicting their family members.



MATERIALS

- Variety of magazines and children's books
- 6 popsicle sticks
- White construction paper cut to size
- Glue
- Art supplies: markers, crayons, sequins, stickers, etc.

INTRODUCTION

A family is made up of people that we love and that we often live with. Explain that any number of people can belong to a family. Creating a family tree is a great way to learn about your extended family. This activity helps children understand that every family is unique and special, especially their own!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Family traditions bring a sense of belonging and/or routine to family members. Think of your family traditions. Have each person act out a favorite family tradition in front of the group while others try to guess what the tradition is. Are there new traditions you would like to start?

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Or any of your favorite stories about families!



DIRECTIONS

Popsicle Stick House

Step 1

Families look many different ways. What does your family look like? Who are the important people in your family? Look through magazines and picture books and identify different family structures. Compare and contrast those families to your own.

Step 2

Create a house outline using popsicle sticks and glue together.



Step 3

Cut a 5 1/2 inch square from white construction paper. Glue on the back side of the house.



Step 4

Draw a picture of the people who love you--your family! Consider adding labels and special details! It may be easier to draw your picture before it is glued to the back of the popsicle stick house. Be careful not to draw too close to the edges.

Step 5

Decorate the outside of your house using various art supplies. Include your mailing address and other details to make your house unique.



Step 6

Display your family portrait in a prominent location. Use a magnet or string to hang. Each time you see it, remember that your family loves you!

