



Craft Activity

Theme: National Families Week

Intro: This week we celebrate the vital role that families play through National Families Week.

Craft activity: Garden Collage – A family is a garden of love

Children will need: A4 landscape paper strips, assorted coloured paper, “A family is a garden of love” circle template, patty pans, textas, ribbon/string, scissors, glue sticks/sticky tape

Instructions:

Glue or tape enough patty pans onto a paper strip to represent each member of your family plus one more for the “A family is a garden of love” circle. Cut out enough circles from coloured paper and write a family member’s name in each one. Glue circles to the middle of the patty pans. Add a loop of ribbon/string to your Garden Collage.

Extension Idea: You may want to cut out some leaves from paper and add them to your garden strip.

Fact: There are millions of families living all over the world. All families are different and your family is unique to you.



Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity.



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Our Playgroup Family Chain

You will need: Assorted A4 paper cut into strips, textas, sticky tape.

Instructions:

Have each family write the names of their family members on paper strips and join them all together.

Group time ideas:

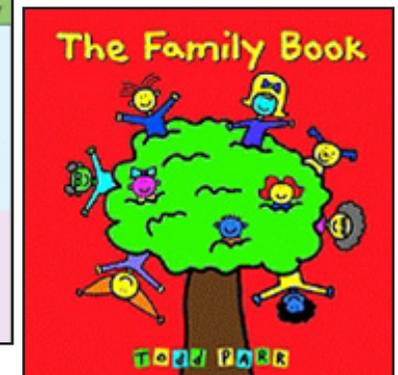
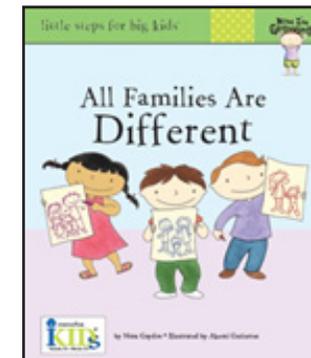
- Three Legged Race
- All families are different. Some families are small and some families are large.
 - Put your hand up if you have a brother.
 - Put your hand up if you have a sister.
- There are millions of families living all over the world. (You could show children a world globe and point to Australia where we live. Ask families/parents to point to the country they grew up in if not in Australia).
- Some families speak another language.
 - Do you speak another language at home?
- Hold up your Playgroup Family Chain. You may like to take a photo of all the children holding the chain. Where can you display it?



Book Suggestions:

All Families Are Different by Nora Gaydos

The Family Book by Todd Parr





Open Shut Them

Open, Shut them, Open, Shut them, Give a little clap
Open, Shut them, Open Shut them, Lay them in your lap.

Creep them, Creep them, Creep them, Creep them,
Right up to your chin
Open wide your little mouth but do not let them in.

Roll them, Roll them, Roll them, Roll them,
Don't get in a muddle,
Shake them, Shake them, Shake them, Shake them,
Give your mum a cuddle. (or Give your loved one a cuddle)

There were 5 in the Bed (finger rhyme)

There were 5 in the bed
And the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."
So they all rolled over and one fell out
There were 4 in the bed
And the little one said, "Roll over, roll over."
Count down to 1.
There was one in the bed,
And the little one said: "I've got the who-le bed to myself!"

Skinamarinky

Skinamarinky dinky dink
Skinamarinky doo... I love you
Skinamarinky dinky dink
Skinamarinky doo... I love you

I love you in the morning and in the afternoon
I love you in the evening and underneath the moon
Skinamarinky dinky dink
Skinamarinky doo... I love you

I love you when you're smilin', I love you when you're glad
I love you when you're cryin', And even when you're mad
Skinamarinky dinky dink
Skinamarinky doo... I love you

Some Families Are

Some families are large, (spread arms out wide)
Some families are small (bring arms close together)
But I love my family best of all! (cross arms over chest)



A family
is a garden
of love



Our Playgroup
Family Chain

