
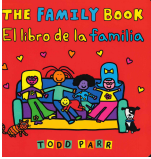


November

Activity Calendar

Celebrating Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1.</p> 	<p>2. Decorate lunch-sized paper bags using yarn, googly eyes, crayons, etc., to look like each family member, and use these puppets in lots of fun ways!</p>	<p>3. Cut out a house shape out of a paper bag and a few pieces of white paper, too. Have your child draw a picture of each family member, then staple the top to make a book!</p>	<p>4. Glue pictures of your family's faces on the sides of Duplo blocks. When your children are building houses, they will see their family's faces in the windows!</p>	<p>5. ACTIVITY PAGE</p> <p>The Family Book</p> <p>Click the picture to view our featured book</p> 	<p>6. Cut a paper grocery bag in half. Help your child glue pictures from magazines of things they like onto the square or rectangular shape made for them to use as a placemat when eating!</p>	<p>7. Weekend Wrap-Up</p> <p>Visit your local library and get some books about families! Not every family looks the same or does the same things. This is good for your child to know!</p>
<p>8.</p> <p><i>Spend this Sunday Family Fun Day - playing board games!</i></p>	<p>9. Create a popsicle stick to represent each family member. Put them in a jar and pull them out when choosing who will do a chore or who gets to choose the game for game night!</p>	<p>10. Cut out different sizes of triangles and let your child use them as puzzle pieces to make houses with windows, doors, roofs, etc. 2 triangles make a square!</p>	<p>11. Set aside some clothing that mommy and daddy wear for your child to play with for dramatic play. What's Daddy doing? Where's mommy going?</p>	<p>12.</p> <p>ACTIVITY PAGE</p> <p>Playdough family</p>	<p>13. Make an "o" by touching thumb to pointer finger on each hand. Curl the other 3 fingers down. Put the circles together and then move outward in a circular motion. That is the sign for "family"!</p>	<p>14. Weekend Wrap-Up</p> <p>Make plans with another family. Each of you plans the day. Maybe they will show you a park they love, and you bring a favorite snack!</p>
<p>15.</p> <p><i>Spend this Sunday Family Fun Day - baking delicious cookies!</i></p>	<p>16. Teach your child the real names of their family members. Not just sissy or mommy, daddy, bubba, etc. They may get in a situation where they need to know your real names!</p>	<p>17. Use describing words to play "I Spy Family" with your child. I spy someone with a red on. It's brother! I spy someone with long hair. It's mommy!</p>	<p>18. Leave a nice note with a picture on another family's door or in their mailbox, letting them know that your family is glad, their family is your neighbor! Maybe they will return one to you!</p>	<p>19.</p> <p>ACTIVITY PAGE</p> <p>Family Time Capsule</p>	<p>20. Pass a ball back and forth between family members to a predetermined number. Whoever has the ball at the number has to say something nice about another family member!</p>	<p>21. Weekend Wrap-Up</p> <p>Have a family picnic (inside if it's too cold). Everyone enjoys each other's company while sitting on a blanket instead of at a table!</p>
<p>22.</p> <p><i>Spend this Sunday Family Fun Day - going to see a movie or watching one at home!</i></p>	<p>23. Take small pieces of paper and make "help tickets" that you fill out when your child asks for help with something and you are busy. This will help you to come back to it!</p>	<p>24. It's a "Tasty Tuesday!" Let your child help you put a new afternoon snack together for the family to try! How about drizzled peanut butter over bananas? Yummy!</p>	<p>25. Call a family member who lives out of town. Let your child speak to them and ask what they are doing and how they are. Phone calls are great ways to stay connected!</p>	<p>26.</p> <p>ACTIVITY PAGE</p> <p>Family Calendar</p>	<p>27. Have a family food fight in a safe way! Offer 2 fun choices for dinner- maybe pizza or burgers. Whoever jumps the highest, or whoever is the quietest the longest, or whatever you choose, wins and gets to decide what's for dinner!</p>	<p>28. Weekend Wrap-Up</p> <p>Take a walk, and when you see an animal, someone's pet or a wild animal, call attention to it and talk about where it lives with its family!</p>
<p>29.</p> <p><i>Spend this Sunday Family Fun Day - decorating for the holidays!</i></p>	<p>30. "I love you. You love me. We're a happy family! With a kiss and hug from me to you. Won't you say you love me too!"</p>	<p>Calendar created by: Dr. Pamela B Connor- Educational Trainer and Consultant</p> <p>Calendar Translated by: Manuela Rodriguez</p>				



The Family Book

by Todd Parr

This book, available in Spanish or English, will expose your child to a variety of families and homes. After reading the book, talk to your child about your family and the kind of home you live in. Post a piece of chart paper to record- how many family members live in your home, if they are boys or girls, what kind of home you live in (one-story, two-story, apartment, etc.) Create as many categories as you like. Add to the chart with other families' information so your child can see that not everyone in their lives has the same things they do, but that you are all family!



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Playdough Family

There are quite a few steps to this activity, and your child can help you with each one! Combine 1 cup of flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of salt, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of warm water (adjust the water for a soft, non-sticky dough). Knead the dough, then roll it out to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Take cookie cookies in the shape of people or gingerbread boy and girl, if you can't find actual people. Poke a hole in the top of each little person, then place in a preheated 200–250-degree oven for 3 hours, flipping once halfway through. Decorate each “family member” with paints, glitter, etc., and then seal with a few coats of acrylic sealer. Thread with ribbon. You can hang these from a tree to create your “family tree” or save them and hang them on your Christmas tree next month if you celebrate that holiday.





Family Time Capsule

Help each family member choose an item- a book, a toy, a piece of jewelry, whatever they don't mind parting with- and place each piece into a paper bag. Everyone can share why they chose that item. Record on the bag the date and what each family member put in the bag. Place the bag into a Rubbermaid container that has a tight lid. Find a spot in your yard to "plant" the box or put it on a very high shelf you don't use every day. An attic or a basement would work, too! One year from now (or 6 months if you need a shorter timeline), pull the box back out and see if each of your family members remembers which item is theirs and why they put it in the box. Have they been missing the item? Do they want to use it again, or is it no longer appealing to them? Now put the items back in the bag and close it. Repeat this activity with new items in a new bag with the new date. The next time you open the time capsule, your family will go back in time, looking at each bag and reflecting on the items inside. You can continue this activity for as many months and years as you like!



Family Fun Calendar

Pick up a calendar from a Dollar Store or make your own monthly calendar. Decide on an adventure that everyone in your family would love to do. It could be as simple as a picnic or as extravagant as a vacation to Disneyland! Let your child watch as you record the adventure date on the calendar. Make sure it is at least 2 weeks away! Then, place your finger or a special counting stick (a straw, perhaps) on today's date and then point and count each day until you get to the adventure. At the end of each day, have your child mark out that day and then count again to see how many more days must pass before the family fun adventure will happen! This is an excellent motivator for your child to look forward to something fun, promotes patience, and helps with counting! Plan at least one family fun adventure every month!

