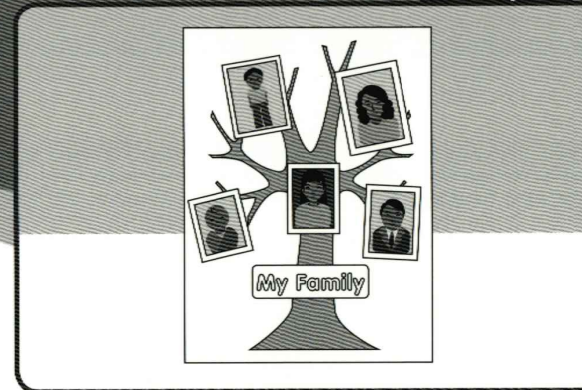


I Love My Family

Activity: The child makes a family tree to think about his or her loving family.



Concept

I love my family.

What You Need

- ▶ individual photos of child's family members
- ▶ photo of you and your family
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ art supplies

At Home

Ask parents to review the family tree with their child and help the child add additional leaves for members of his or her extended family. Encourage parents to show their child photographs of various family members.

Lesson Steps

- 1 Opening Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear Jesus, we are so blessed to have families that we love. Please watch over us and our families.*** Pray the Sign of the Cross.
- 2 Begin with Life Experience**
Show the child a photo of his or her family. Ask the child to point to everyone in the family who loves him or her. Next, ask the child to point to each person in the photo he or she loves. Invite the child to share something he or she does with his or her family. Provide prompts or other supports to help the conversation.
- 3 Connect**
Help the child color the tree and its branches on the photocopy of Side B of this card. If available, use twigs instead of paper to represent branches. Continue to help as the child glues the photos of individual family members to the tree. Say: ***Look at your family picture. We need one picture for each family member to put on the tree like leaves.*** If the child has a smaller family, encourage him or her to add additional relatives or special friends to the tree. Help the child cut out and glue each photo to the tree.
- 4 Closing Prayer**
Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: ***Dear Jesus, thank you for our families. Please bless us and keep us healthy and safe.*** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.