

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Families B**

- Book titles included:

1. **PATCHWORK QUILT** by Valerie Flournoy
2. **I GOT A FAMILY** by Melrose Cooper
3. **THE RELATIVES CAME** by Cynthia Rylant
4. **WHO'S WHO IN MY FAMILY** by Loreen Leedy
5. **MORE MORE MORE SAID THE BABY** by Vera Williams

- Video:

GRANDPA

- Audio:

LOUANNE PIG IN THE PERFECT FAMILY by Nancy Carlson

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

GOOD DAYS BAD DAYS by Catherine Arnholt
ONE SATURDAY AFTERNOON by Barbara Baker
CELEBRATING FAMILIES by Rosmarie Hausherr
BUMPETY BUMP by Kathy Henderson
STAYING AT SAM'S by Jenny Hessel
FATHERS, MOTHERS, SISTERS, BROTHERS by Ann Hoberman
LIKE JAKE AND ME by Mavis Jukes
I GO WITH MY FAMILY TO GRANDMA'S by Riki Levinson
FIVE MINUTES PEACE by Jill Murphy
WHO'S WHOSE by Jan Ormerod
FAMILIES ARE DIFFERENT by Nina Pellegrini
JUST PLAIN FANCY by Patricia Polacco
CHERRY PIES AND LULLABIES by Lynn Reiser
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: STEPFAMILIES by Fred Rogers
LOTS OF DADS by Shelley Rotner
ONE HUNDRED IS A FAMILY by Pam Munoz Ryan
ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES by Norma Simon
FREE TO BE . . . A FAMILY by Marlo Thomas (audio)
WEIRD PARENTS by Audrey Wood



Activity Ideas – Families B

- Get some old clothes and let the children play dress-up. Shoes and hats are especially fun. Children test out their ideas about what roles different members of the family play in this kind of free symbolic play.
- Trace around the children's bodies outside on the driveway with chalk. Create an adult-sized body, too. Allow the children to fill in the bodies with faces and clothing.
- After reading **WHO'S WHO IN MY FAMILY**, ask children to talk about their families, bringing pictures of family members to make their own family tree.
- After reading **THE RELATIVES CAME**, talk about the times of year and events that often bring families together.

HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.
I'd rather play at hug o' war,
Where everyone hugs
Instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles,
And rolls on the rug.
Where everyone kisses,
And everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles,
And everyone wins,

(Shel Silverstein from *Random House Book of Poetry for Children*)

A GOOD HOUSE

This is the roof of the house so good. (*Make roof with hands.*)
These are the walls that are made of wood. (*Hands straight, palms parallel.*)
These are the windows that let in the light. (*Thumbs and forefingers form window.*)
This is the door that shuts so tight. (*Hands straight side by side.*)
This is the chimney so straight and tall. (*Arms up straight.*)
Oh! What a good house for one and all. (*Arms at angle for roof.*)

GRANDMA'S SPECTACLES

Here are Grandma's spectacles (*Make circles with thumbs and index fingers placed over eyes.*)
And here is Grandma's hat; (*Join hands at finger tips and place on top of head.*)
And here's the way she folds her hands (*Fold hands and place gently in lap.*)
And puts them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa's spectacles, (*Make larger circles with thumbs and index fingers over eyes.*)
And here is Grandpa's hat; (*Make larger pointed hat, as before.*)
And here's the way he folds his arms (*Fold arms with vigor.*)
And sits like that.

(From *Let's Do Fingerplays*)



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