

# Families

## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Diversity, Family, Photography

**Book Brief:** *Families* is a nonfiction book that celebrates the diversity and individuality of contemporary families through photographs and simple text.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before:** Read the title of the book and look at the cover. Have your child share what they think they will see inside the book. Ask them, “Who is in a family?”

**During:** As you read, stop throughout the book to identify who is in the photos and what they are doing. Think about your own family, do you notice things that are the same?

**After, ask questions:**

- What did the families do in the book?
- What are some things that we like to do as a family?
- Who is in our family?
- What makes our family special?

## INTENTIONAL TALK

As your child develops **Print Awareness**, they learn how books are put together, and how print “works.” They learn what letters are, how letters make up words, and the difference between text and pictures in a book. As you read, show your child where the text in the book is and have them point to the pictures. In this book, the pictures are photos rather than illustrations. Compare this book to a book with illustrations and talk about what you notice. Why do you think the author chose to use photos for this book?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### FAMILY FINGER PLAY

You can play this simple finger game at home with your child, all you need is your hands! Add in the members of your own family and include what each of them likes to do.

(Hold your hands behind your back, and bring out one thumb)

[Daddy] finger [Daddy] finger where are you?

(Bring out your other thumb)

Here I am, here I am, how do you do?

(Wiggle your thumbs at each other)

[Daddy] finger, [Daddy] finger what do you do?

Exercise! Exercise! That’s what I do

(Pantomime exercise together)

Repeat with other fingers and include other members of the family!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### NONFICTION BOOKS ABOUT FAMILIES

- **Family Means...** (2021)
- **The Family Book** (2003)
- **Love Makes a Family** (2018)