

# Families

## Storytime To Go

### Books

*Black is Brown is Tan*  
Arnold Adoff

*Families*  
Ann Morris

*Blackout*  
John Rocco

*The Family Book*  
Todd Parr

*Anna Hibiscus' Song*  
Atinuke

*The Great Big Book of Families*  
Mary Hoffman

*All Kinds of Families*  
Mary Ann Hoberman

*Love Makes a Family*  
Sophie Beer

### CD

*Family Time*  
Ziggy Marley



### Action Rhymes

#### I Help My Parents

I help my parents  
(*nod head*)  
I sweep the floor  
(*pretend to sweep*)  
I dust the table  
(*pretend to dust*)  
I run to the store  
(*run in place*)  
I help beat the eggs  
(*pretend to beat eggs*)  
And sift flour for cake  
(*pretend to sift flour*)  
Then I help to eat  
(*pretend to eat*)  
All the good things we make  
(*rub tummy and lick lips*)

### Fingerplays

#### See My Family

See my family! See them all!  
(*hold up five fingers*)  
Some are short  
(*hold up thumb*)  
Some are tall  
(*hold up point finger*)  
Let's shake hands "How do you do?"  
(*clasp hands and shake*)  
Father (*hold up pointer finger*)  
Mother (*hold up middle finger*)  
Sister (*hold up ring finger*)  
Brother (*hold up thumb*)  
And me (*hold up little finger*)  
All polite to one another

Source: King County Library System

#### How Many

How many people live at your house?  
How many people live at your house?  
(*Point to others in group*)

One, my mother, two, my father  
Three, my sister, four my brother  
(*count on fingers*)

There's one more now let me see,  
(*touch head*)

Oh yes! Of course! It must be me!  
(*nod head and point to self*)

From [Suzyque.us](http://Suzyque.us)

## Songs

### I Have a Very Special Friend

(To the tune of "Bingo")

I have a very special friend  
And Daddy is his name-o  
D-A-D-D-Y, D-A-D-D-Y, D-A-D-D-Y  
And Daddy is his name-o

I have a very special friend  
And Mommy is her name-o  
M-O-M-M-Y, M-O-M-M-Y, M-O-M-M-Y  
And Mommy is her name-o  
From [kidsparkz.com](http://kidsparkz.com)

### My Aunt Came Back

(echo each line)

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from old Japan.  
And she brought with her  
a waving fan.

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from Holland too.  
And she brought with her  
a wooden shoe.

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from old Algiers.  
And she brought with her  
a pair of shears.

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from Guadeloupe.  
And she brought with her  
a Hula-Hoop.

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from the New York fair.  
And she brought with her  
a rocking chair

Oh, my aunt came back,  
from the City Zoo.  
And she brought with her  
a monkey like you!

## Art Projects

### Family Hand Print Tree

Trace your child's hand, your hand, and any other family members you want to include, on construction paper. Cut out and glue to a construction paper tree trunk.



## Science & Math

### Family Memory Match-Up

Print two copies each of picture of family members, for a total of at least five pairs. Play "Memory" with the pictures.

### Craft Stick Photo Frame

Create a photo frame from craft sticks. Decorate with paint, markers, buttons, and glitter. Have your child draw a picture of their family to put inside the frame.

### Talking Stick

Find a stick or small branch outside. Have your child paint and decorate the stick with yarn, ribbons, etc. Sit with your family and take turns passing the "Talking Stick" to tell about the best and most challenging parts of the day.

Adapted from King County Library System

### Early Literacy Take Home:

Have your child tell a story of their favorite family trip or vacation. Story telling builds narrative skills, important for literacy development.

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