

Tell Family Stories

Mama says, "Let's play Hide-and-Seek." Show me what Latisha does.

Let your child move stick puppets to act out a family story that she and you tell together.

Telling stories will help your child understand the relationships among people in families.



We'll pretend these are our family.





Why this is important

Handling the puppets helps your child to see her family as a group. Playing with the family puppets may help her to see herself as an important part of a family. She can use her place in the group and her knowledge about her family members to make up stories using familiar information. Having an understanding of how stories are made will later help her better understand the stories she reads.

What you do

- Collect some pictures of family members and friends to cut up.
- Glue the pictures to popsicle sticks to make puppets.
- Make up a story about the family. Encourage your child to move the puppets around to act out the story.
- Include a few real events along with imaginary events in your story.
- Ask your child questions to involve her in making up part of the story. *What do you think she did next? How did it make you feel?*
- Talk about the adults so that your child can be aware of them as people with feelings and needs.
- Encourage her to tell her own story with the puppets.

Another idea

Show your child pictures of herself as a baby and answer her questions about her life then. Talk and ask about people in daily events, such as going to the supermarket. *Who sat in the grocery cart? Which friend did we see there? Who put the groceries in the bag?*

Let's read together!

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