

Preschool Theme Kits FAMILY II



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BEYOND THE KITS -STORYTIME HANDBOOK Welcome to the *Family II* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

WE'RE A FAMILY *

Pull out of your storage cupboards anything that encourages dramatic play and discussion around the topic of what is a family and what families do together. This helps children understand that even through we are all individuals, there are things we have in common. Some suggestions are:

- -Washing baby dolls in basins
- -Feeding baby dolls or stuffed animals and changing their diapers
- -Taking children to the doctor
- -Using wooden or plastic family figures in the block area
- -Going grocery shopping and cooking meals for the family
- -Going on family outings to the park (when you take a walk, encourage the children to bring their baby doll or stuffed animal.)
- -Family celebrations. Talk about them and share some throughout the year.

ALL WOUND UP-CD

Be sure and play **All Wound Up! A Family Music Party.** You will be up and dancing right away! You can sing #2, *On the Day You Were Born* and put in the names of your own children. Just enjoy!

FAMILY TEATIME *

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities

is available in back of this notebook.

After all the cooking mom and dad do, wouldn't it be nice to serve them? Practice "Tea Time" with pretend cups and food. Encourage manners and serving others for this special event.

You and your children could bake simple muffins, banana bread or cornbread. Or put crackers on a special plate. They can cut up fruit for fruit salad. Make juice or herbal tea. To make it a special event, set the table with a table cloth, napkins, cups and plates for the treats. Invite moms, dads or other significant adults to "take tea", as they drop off or pick up their children.

Another option is to pack up a little bag with a tea party-to-go (napkins, cups, a few muffins, sliced fruit in a bag) so that each child can have his/her one-on-one tea party at home.





GRANDMA'S GLASSES

Here are Grandma's glasses (Make circles with thumbs and index fingers, place over eyes) 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 glasses (Make larger circles with thumbs and index fingers and place over eyes)
Here is Grandpa's vest (Thumbs crooked into imaginary vest)
And here's the way he folds his arms (Fold arms with vigor)
And lays them on his chest (Lay arms on chest)



DID YOU EVER SEE A MOTHER/FATHER? *

To the tune of Did you ever see a Lassie?

Did you ever see a mother, a mother, a mother,

Did you ever see a mother as special as mine?

To care for and love me To help and to hug me.

Did you ever see a mother as special as mine?

(Replace mother with father, grandma, auntie... whatever fits for your group.)

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Questions or Suggestions:

Call the Youth Services Dept. at (360) 384-3150

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

HOW MANY

How many people live at your house? How many people live at your house? One, my mother, Two, my father, Three, my sister, Four, my brother, There's one more now let me see Oh yes, of course, it must be me!

(Point to others in group)

(Count on fingers)

(Touch head) (Nod head, point to self)

FINGER FAMILY

This is the mother, as dear as can be This is the father, the tallest is he. This is the sister, she's growing up tall. This is the brother, so cute and so small. Here's Grandma and Grandpa, and I love them all!

(Index finger) (Middle finger) (Ring finger) (Little finger) (Thumbs. Hug hands toether!)

BABY'S NAP

This is a baby ready for a nap. Lay him/her down on mother's lap. Cover him up so he won't peep. Rock him 'til he's fast asleep. (Hold up finger – place in other palm) (Wrap other fingers to cover him) (Rocking motion)

PILLOW FIGHT **

Jamie had a pillow fight With her brother Ned last night Mom was mad So was Dad "Jamie! Ned! Turn out the light!" (toss pillow in air) (Toss pillow from side to side) (Hands on hips) (Shake finger) (Cup hands around mouth and say line louder)

I LOVE MY FAMILY*

Some families are large. Some families are small. But I love my family Best of all! (Spread arms wide) (Bring arms close together) (Cross arms over chest)

MUSIC AT OUR HOUSE

Make appropriate motions for each instrument. Can assign different group to 'play' at different times, or all together.

Mother plays the violin Father plays the flute, Little brother plays the horn, Toot, Toot, Toot, Toot, Toot.

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