



Family Activity Kit #1: My Story

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SING: "You Are My Sunshine"

Enjoy singing this timeless family lullaby with your child:

*You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away*

Find it on Youtube: "You Are My Sunshine Song for Kids - The Kiboomers"

TALK: Family Sensory Bag

Gather a few objects that remind you of a special family memory (i.e.: souvenir from a family trip, a soccer trophy, your wedding ring). Do not let your child see the objects. Place one of the objects in a bag or container. Have your child reach inside and try and guess the object using only their sense of touch. Ask your child to describe how it feels. Is the object... Big? Small? Heavy? Light? Hard? Soft? Fluffy? Squishy? Smooth? Rough? Etc. When they're tired of guessing, or once they guess correctly, reveal the object and tell them the story of what makes it special. Repeat with other objects. Once you've done this a few times, allow your child to choose their own object for you to guess, and tell you its story.

READ: Read a book with your child that you loved when you were younger AND/OR read a story about **Family History & Tradition**. Check out our suggested books below:

- This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World by Matt Lamonte (E 305.23 LAM)
- A Forever Family by Roslyn Banish with Jennifer Jordan-Wong (E 362.7 BAN)
- We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption & Families by Todd Parr (E 362.7 PAR)
- Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman (E ACK)
- Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie (E ALE)
- Grandma's Purse by Vanessa Brantley-Newton (E BRA)
- Grandpa Bear's Fantastic Scarf by Gillian Heal (E HEA)
- Kite Flying by Grace Lin (E LIN)
- The Egg Tree by Katherine Milhous (E MIL)
- Miss Oak and the Weather Balloon: Life, Love, Divorce & Everything in Between by Karen Delette Osborn (E OSB)
- A Different Pond by Bao Phi (E PHI)
- The Old Truck by Jarret Pumphrey (E PUM)
- Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto (E SOT)
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen (E YOL)



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WRITE: Paper Bag Puppets

Make paper bag puppets to represent members of your family!

You will need:

- 2 paper bags (included)
- 4 large googly eyes (included)
- 30" yarn (included)
- Liquid glue (included)
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Construction paper & other decorative supplies



Step 1: Turn the paper bag upside down. The folded over piece will be your puppet's face. Peel the sticky back off your googly eyes and add them to your puppet face.

Step 2: Use crayons or markers to add a nose, mouth and other facial features (freckles, birthmarks, glasses, etc.). Make the mouth so that the top part is on the folded piece and the bottom part is below the folded piece, so that you can make the puppet "talk."

Step 3: Cut your piece of yarn into smaller pieces to make hair for your puppet. Stick the yarn strips on the paper bag using a bit of liquid glue. Allow to dry.

Step 4: Use crayons, markers, construction paper or other decorative supplies to make clothes for your puppet.

PLAY: Puppet Show

Invite your child to put on a puppet show with their new puppets! Set up a puppet studio using a piece of furniture or large box for your child to hide behind. Put out chairs or a blanket for the audience. Use toys or household items as props or other characters.

Earn a Bonus Ticket!

Do one of the following and **check in at the circulation desk** on or before **Saturday July 18:**

- Share a picture of your paper bag puppets on Facebook or Instagram and tag @salmonpubliclibrary
- Email a picture of your paper bag puppets to salmonlibrary1@gmail.com
- Bring in your paper bag puppets for us to snap a photo!