



Activity Sheet

Families are Different

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Little Nico, who is adopted from Korea, realizes that some children live with one parent, two parents or grandparents, and that some children have stepbrothers, stepsisters and parents who look very different from one another.

Tips to prepare for reading: Ask children what a family is. Ask them who is in their families who lives with them. Ask how many people are in their family and who they live with.

Share a photograph of your family. Tell children that you are going to read a book about families.

Ideas on reading the book: Read the book expressively. Pause your reading after each family is described and ask the children if the pictures look like their family. When you finish the book, ask the children if they have a family that is different from the families in the book. You may have a child with two moms or two dads, or a child from a foster care family or a child with stepparents. Some children may tell you that someone in their family has died. Reinforce that all families are special. Help children from diverse family structures feel affirmed in the classroom.

Activities and ideas to use after you read the book: Tell children that you like learning about their families. Finally, print the house on the back of this activity sheet. Have the children draw the people that live in their house. Point out to the children that some of the families are the same and some are different.

Try this at home: Read *Families are Different* with your child. Together, look at photographs of family members and talk about what makes

each person in the photos special. Talk with your child about what families can do together to experience belonging; for example, make and eat dinner together.

More from PBS KIDS: Watch "Tiger Family Together Times." <http://pbskids.org/video/daniel-tigers-neighborhood/2365567828>

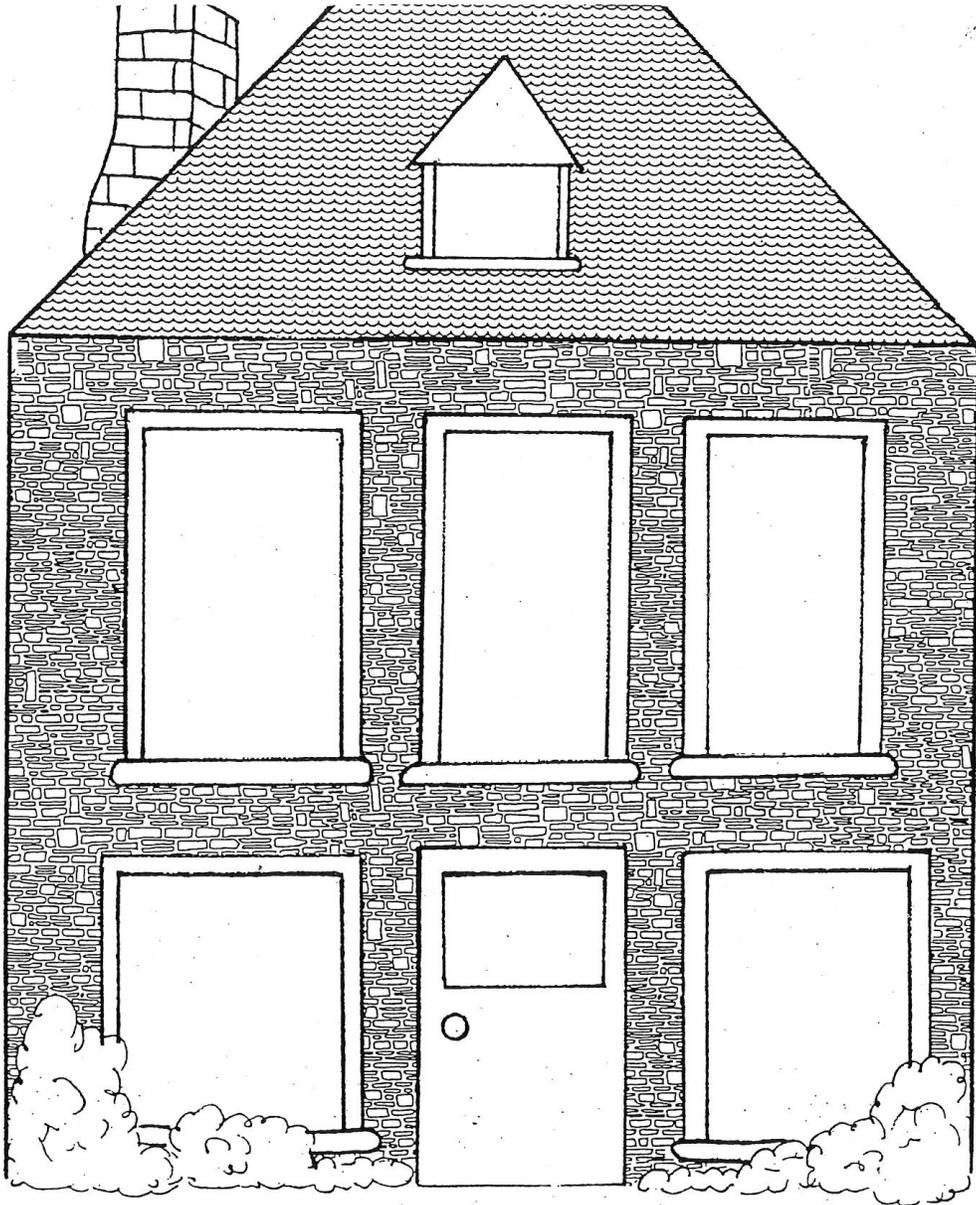
Watch "I Like to Be with my Family." <http://pbskids.org/video/daniel-tigers-neighborhood/2365567783>

Additional books to read: *The Family Book* by Todd Parr; and *Who's in my Family* by Robie H. Harris and illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott.

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