

**DIALOGUE  
WORKS**

# HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

## Family

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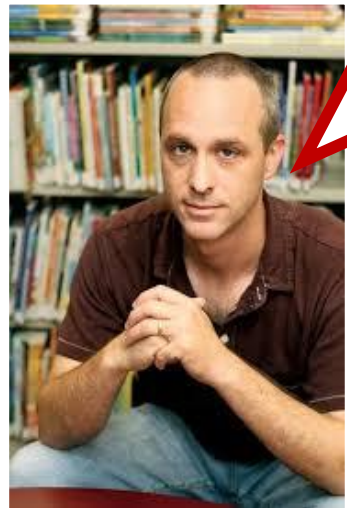
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# Quotes about family

Family members can be your best friends, you know. And best friends, whether or not they are related to you, can be your family.



Trenton Lee Stewart  
author, in *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (2007)

I sustain myself with the love of family.



Maya Angelou  
author and civil rights activist

Every child should grow up feeling loved and supported.



Barnardo's  
UK children's charity

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# Thinking about family

## Caring thinking

What things could you do to help somebody in your family this week?

## Collaborative thinking

Can you think of a time when you worked with somebody in your family to solve a problem?



## Creative thinking

Think of different families you know from books, movies and cartoons. Do any of these families remind you of your own family?

## Critical thinking

How would you define the word 'family'?



Can you think of a memory of a special time for your family?

Would you like to have children when you grow up?

In what ways is your family the same as your best friend's family?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

**CONNECT**



**DIVIDE**

**LISTEN/LOOK**

**ZOOM (in/out)**

Who is in your wider family? Do you have aunts or uncles? Do you have cousins?

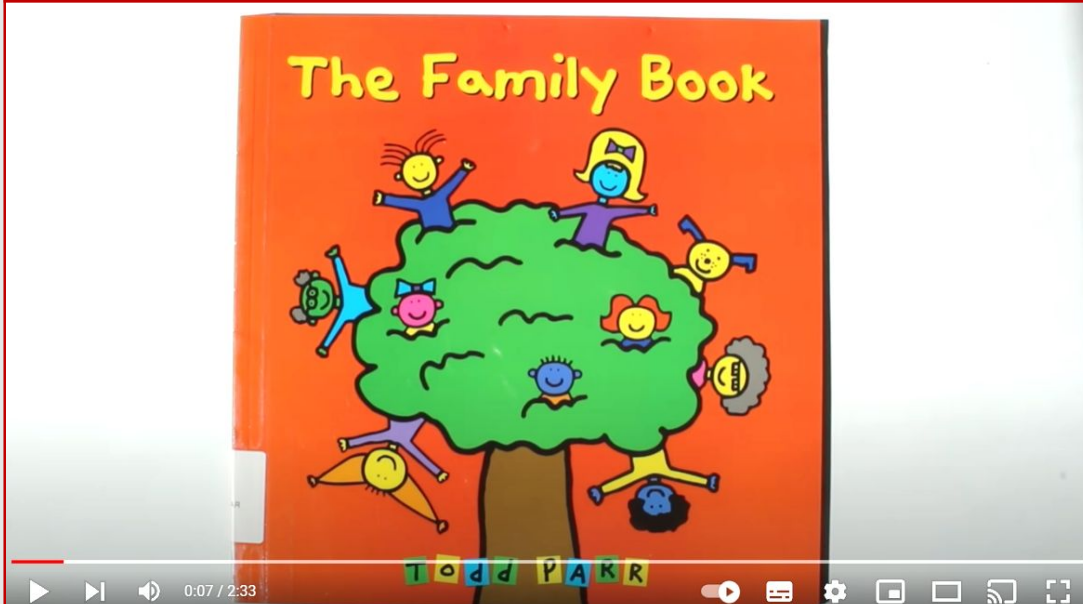
How is your family different to your best friend's family?

Ask your parents or grandparents to tell you about their family memories.

Which family members live in your house?

# Discussion suggestions (age 3 – 5 )

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/gMpecJKW0jM>

## The Family Book by Todd Parr

In this book we learn about lots of different types of families.

## Talking Points

- Which parts of this book did you like?
- Did any of the pictures remind you of your family?
- Who lives in your house?
- Who else is in your family but lives in a different house?

## Activity

- Make your own family book using a blank notebook or sheets of paper. Draw pictures or stick photos in.
- Tell a grown-up who each picture is, so they can help you write the people's names.

# Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/TiSFczl-JPs>

## “Old Person’s Home for Four-Year-Olds”

82-year-old John and 4-year-old Aika live in the same neighbourhood. In this video we see them painting together.

## Talking Points

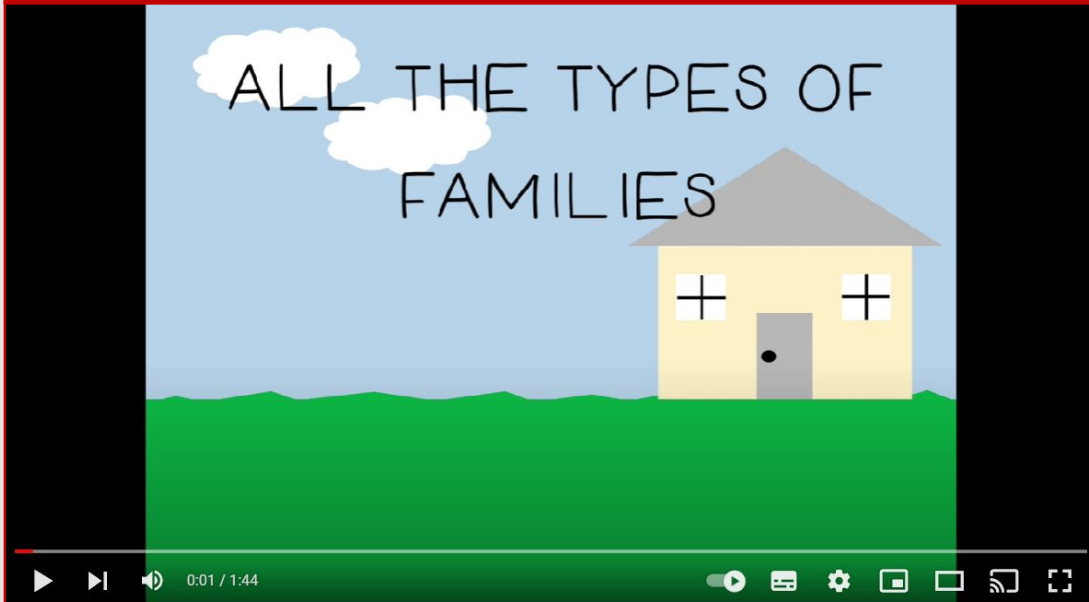
- Think about the oldest person in your family.
  - Do you see them a lot?
  - Would you like to paint with them?
  - Do you know how they are related to the rest of your family? Do they have children and siblings?
- Do you have to be related to somebody to think of them as family?

## Activities

- Think again about an older person in your family. How do you help them and how do they help you? Plan something that you can do to learn a new skill or some new facts together.
- Interview the oldest person in your family about their life.

# Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

## Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/b55uygG0Elc>

## Types of Family

A simple video about different types of families. Watch the video, then get ready for some important questions...

## Talking Points

- Do you think that families need to be given a label or category? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever used a label to describe your family? Why did you feel you needed to use a label in that situation? Can you think of a situation where using a label would help? Are labels sometimes unhelpful?

## Activities

- Building on the various descriptions used in the video, explore the many words that relate to families and make a mind map. Add some more new words. These could be phrases such as 'distant cousin', or words which make you think of your family such as 'love'.
- Make a family tree for your family. Talk to older family members to add extra detail and dates.

# More about family...

## What's the Big Idea: Family

<https://youtu.be/HRapq-4dhVI>

## Different Families – BBC Bitesize

<https://youtu.be/UtJmNy-AWwo>

## Family-themed games

<https://www.childfun.com/themes/people/families/>



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## Family tree templates

<https://family-tree-template.org/family-tree-template-for-kids/> – simple, printable templates

<https://www.familytreetemplates.net/category/nontraditional> – a range of templates appropriate for different families

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/education/modern-options-for-the-family-tree-project-that-promote-inclusiveness/> – try the 'VIP Tree' activity

## The right to family is enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

[https://downloads.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/UNCRC\\_summary-1\\_1.pdf?\\_ga=2.6580914.1828272077.1645800799-1861078179.1645800799](https://downloads.unicef.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/UNCRC_summary-1_1.pdf?_ga=2.6580914.1828272077.1645800799-1861078179.1645800799)

## News story stimulus: Controversial 'filial piety' law comes into effect in China

<https://theworld.org/stories/2013-07-02/controversial-filial-piety-law-comes-effect-china>



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## **P4C Plus Foundation course** (12hrs)

*Teaching that puts more thinking into learning*

- Introduces you to P4C Plus and builds your skills over the first year of practice
- Equips you with a range of skills to use in P4C inquiries and throughout the curriculum
- Includes premium resources and teacher guide

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