

INFANT

Week

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Smart Activities



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My Family Tree

Materials: green paint, brown paint, paper, paintbrush, cutout pictures of family members, glue, wipes

Preparation: Gather materials. Paint a brown tree trunk in the middle of paper.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Paint your baby's hand green to create leaves on the tree. Gently place your baby's green handprint throughout the page.
3. Glue pictures of your family members on the tree.



We are Family

by Patricia Hegarty

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r...X6truzs8>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.



Family Fun

Materials: pictures of family together

Instructions:

1. Gather your baby. Look at the picture with your baby. Point to family and friends in the picture and say their name.
2. Show your baby pictures of themselves and see if they respond to image.



Sign Language "Dad"

Instructions:

1. Hold your baby and say, "We are going to sign 'dad.'"
2. Touch the thumb of your dominate hand to center of forehead using open five fingers in the number 5 formation. Wiggling fingers slightly is optional.



Our Favorite Place

Materials: different color finger paint, paper, wipes

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Using the finger paint, assist your baby as he/she explores creating free art. Allow your child to use his/her hands with the paint.
3. Discuss the vibrant colors that relate to your favorite place to spend time with family.



Clifford's Family

by Norman Bridwell

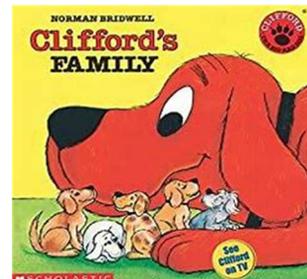
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/kirohTw4moA>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

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2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.



Otter Family

Materials: different color paper, scissors, tape

Preparation: Cut different color strips of paper. Gently tape a strip of paper on each of your fingers on one hand.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed.
2. Promote hand and eye coordination with your baby by holding your hand up and counting your fingers representing a family of otters.
3. Observe as your infant finds interest in finger play. Name the different colors as your baby reaches.



Sign Language "Dad"

Instructions:

1. Hold your baby and say, "We are going to sign 'dad.'"
2. Touch the thumb of your dominate hand to center of forehead using open five fingers in the number 5 formation. Wiggling fingers slightly is optional.



Family Fun

Materials: different colors of paper, scissors

Preparation: Gather materials. Cut different shapes into different sizes.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Hold the shapes up one at a time. Name the shape and color. Describe the shape as big or small representing a family of geese.



I'll Always Love You

By Paeony Lewis

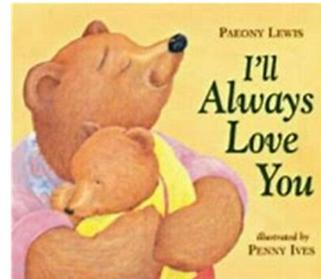
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Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.



Who do I See?

Materials: mirror

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby. Walk your baby to mirror.
2. Point to your baby and say your baby's name. Point to yourself and say your name and who you are to your baby. Point to family, friends, and pets that are near as you say their name and say, "family".
3. Observe your baby's eagerness and delight in self, others, and surroundings.



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Home Sweet Home

Materials: your favorite age appropriate object that represents home

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Gently place your baby on his/her tummy. Assist and supervise your baby as he/she explores the texture of an object that represents your home.
3. Discuss with your baby the color and describe the texture of the object.



This is My Family

by Gina and Mercer Mayer

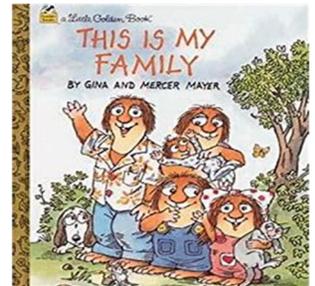
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/WgoQXfg5co>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.
3. Observe as your baby attends to bright or contrasting colors within the story.



Herd

Materials: pictures of different animals and their babies

Preparation: Gather your materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Point to the pictures of different animals, such as the heard of elephants.
3. Observe as your baby imitates pointing at pictures.



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1. Hold your baby and say, "We are going to sign 'dad.'"
2. Touch the thumb of your dominate hand to center of forehead using open five fingers in the number 5 formation. Wiggling fingers slightly is optional.



Hand in Hand

Materials: two colors of paint, paintbrush, paper, wipes

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. Assist your baby with painting your hand in one color of paint. Place your handprint on the paper. After wiping your hand, paint your baby's hand in a different color.
3. Gently place your baby's handprint inside of your handprint.



What I Love about You

by Susan Farrington

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/GLo0j7v4rFE>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to the read aloud book with your child.
2. Point and repeat names of objects to promote language development.
3. Observe as your baby shows interest in shared reading experiences and looking at books.



Family Fun Time

Materials: picnic blanket, bubbles

Preparation: Gather your materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Gather your baby.
2. As you explore the outdoors, place a picnic blanket on the grass.
3. Blow bubbles and watch as your baby uses hand and eye coordination to follow and point to the bubbles.



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