Families Together

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Families eat together.
Families work together.
Families play together.
Families read together.
Families celebrate together.
Families love each other.
Story-Sharing Sheet

• Before reading the book, ask your child to tell you about the photograph on the cover. If he or she is reluctant to share, you might ask him or her, “Who do you think these people are?” “What are they doing?” “Do you think they are a family? Why (or why not)?”

• Take a few minutes to look at the photographs on each page. Talk about the different families in each photograph. Take a few minutes to discuss the things your family does together.

• As you and your child read the book, ask him or her where you should start reading on each page. Then ask him or her to help you point to the words as you read together. Remind him or her that he or she can use the clues in the photographs to help him or her figure out any unknown words.

• After reading, have your child plan a family activity such as a family game night or a family read-a-thon. After he or she has decided what the family activity should be, have him or her design invitations announcing the activity. Encourage family members to attend. Enjoy spending time together as a family.

• Visit the library, and look for other books about families.
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