



All Kinds of Families

After watching the *JA Our Families* Lesson 1 volunteer video session, reinforce the learning in the lesson by having your child create a book about his family.

Materials

- Paper
- Markers, crayons, or pencils
- Rubber band

Activity

Help your child with the following steps:

- Fold an 8½ x 11–inch piece of paper into fourths and leave them folded. Use a rubber band along the main folded edge to hold the pages in place. Cut along the top edges of the other folds to make four pages. Or, go online and find instructions for making a different origami booklet.
- Put a title on the front of the booklet, such as “My Family.” On each page of the book, tell about a family member. Write a sentence that tells what the family member does and how he or she is related to your child. For example: This is my brother Ed. He plays soccer. This is my Tia Rosa. She is a hairdresser.
- Using crayons or markers, illustrate the booklet by drawing a picture of the family member on each page. If your family is small, add pets or family members that do not live in your home, such as aunts, grandparents, or cousins. If your family is very large, your child might want to put more than one person on each page.
- Share the completed book with other family members.

Parents: Emphasize that all families are different and not all members of a family live in the same house. Talk about your family. Mention your brothers, sisters, and parents and explain how they are related to your child. For example, your brother is your child’s uncle. Ask your child if he knows what kind of work the adults in his family do for a living. Knowing who is in the family and how each person is related provides a sense of security for your child.