



I Have a Family Here on Earth



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How many people are in your family? Where does your family live? What do you like doing with your family? How do you feel about your family?

In 1995, President Gordon B. Hinckley (1910–2008) introduced "The Family: A Proclamation to the World," which teaches that "the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children." Heavenly Father planned for you to come to earth and belong to a family. He knew that you needed a loving family to help you grow and learn how to return to Him someday.

Gather for family home evening and invite your family to read the proclamation. Talk about what it teaches, and choose ways that you can work together to strengthen your family. Sing this Primary song to remind you that families can be together forever.

I have a family here on earth. They are so good to me.

I want to share my life with them through all eternity.

Families can be together forever through Heav'nly Father's plan.

I always want to be with my own family, And the Lord has shown me how I can.

The Lord has shown me how I can.

("Families Can Be Together Forever," *Children's Songbook*, 188) ●

Activity

Remove page 14 and draw or glue a photo of your family in the center. Cut out the frame on the broken lines. Glue short edges together to make a cylinder. Punch two holes in the top as shown, and tie yarn or string through them to make a loop for hanging. Cut six streamers out of paper. On each streamer, write one way you can strengthen your family. Attach the streamers to the bottom of the wind sock.

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