

First Words
and Pictures



sister

brother



All About Families



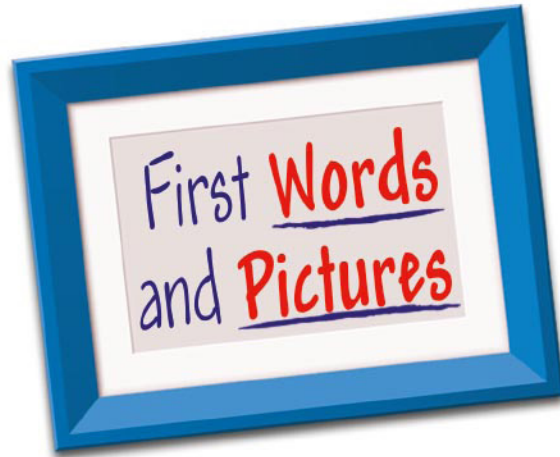
father



mother



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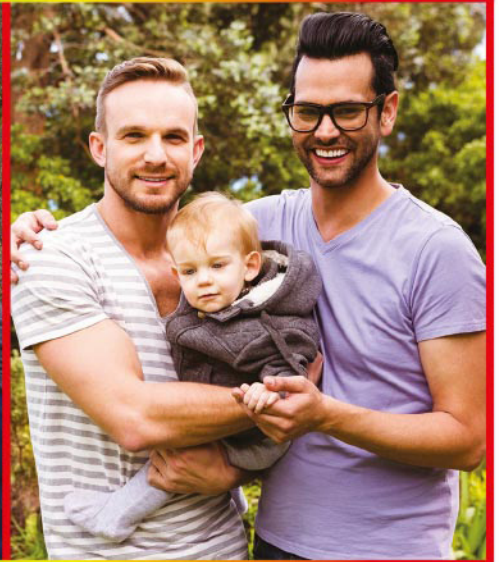
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What Is a Family?







Who Takes Care of Me?









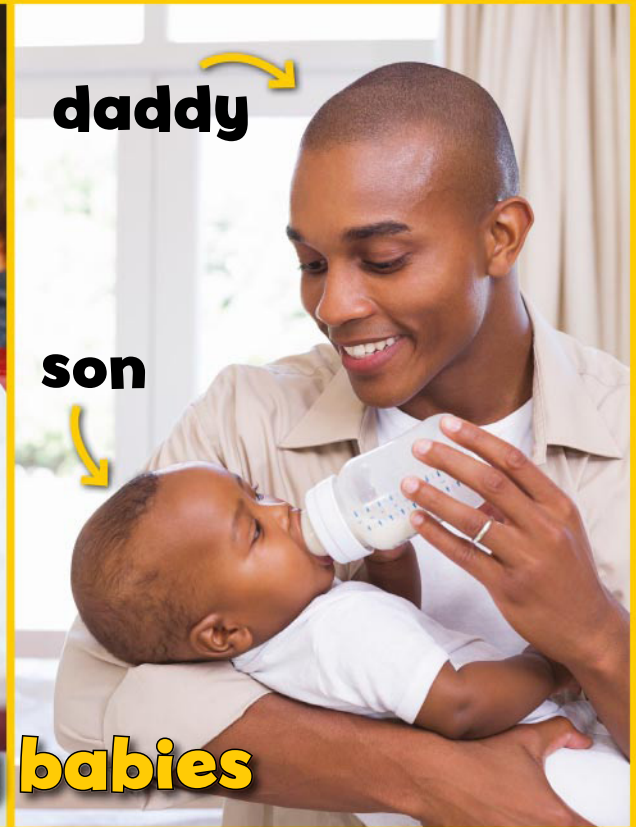
A New Baby



**baby
sister**



**sleepy
baby**



hungry babies



Our Families



Who is in my family?

grandfather



grandson

granddaughter



grandmother



niece

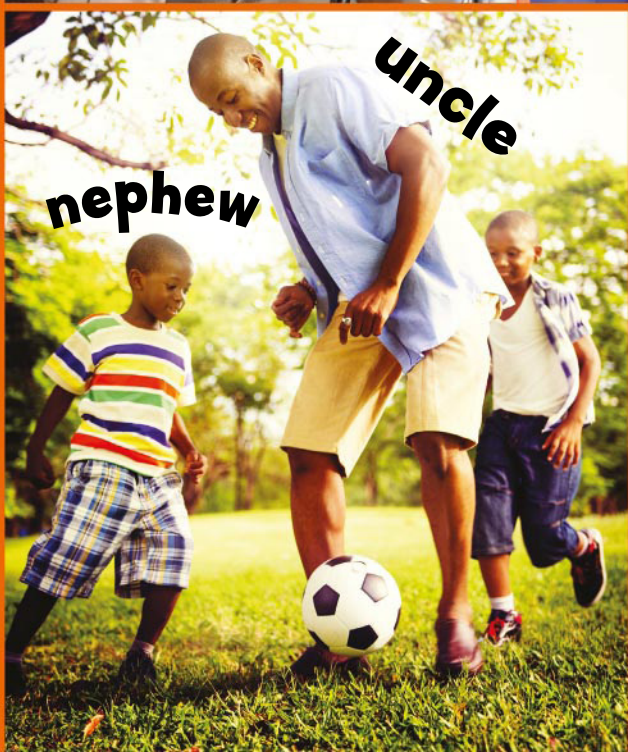
aunt



cousins

uncle

nephew





cat



dog

Our Pets



rabbit



fish

guinea pig



goat

puppies



hamster



kittens



Where Do Families Live?



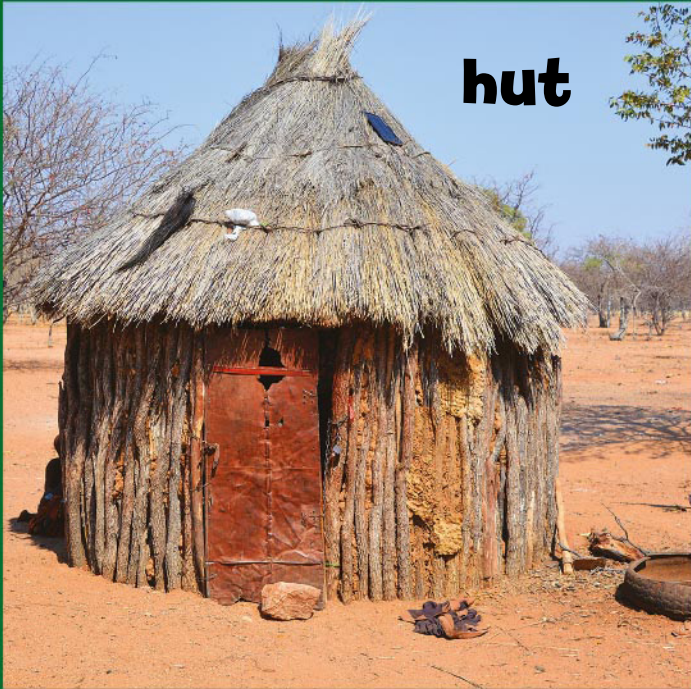
house



apartment



hut



houseboat



Helping at Home



collecting firewood



gardening



doing the dishes



cooking



washing the car

breakfast



Let's Eat!



soup



pizza



lunch



picnic

**Who did you eat
with today?**



cookout



dinner



strawberries

playing



sharing



Things We Do

laughing



hugging





walking



riding a bike



shopping



camping



friends

neighbor



People in Our World

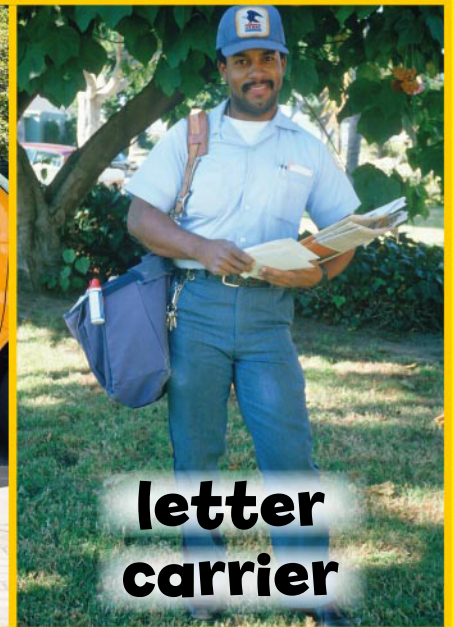
babysitter



teacher



bus driver



letter carrier

birthday



Halloween



Celebrations

Christmas



Hanukkah



Thanksgiving



Chinese New Year



Family Feelings





**How does my
family make
me feel?**

Tips and Ideas

Look ✓ Read ✓ Talk ✓ Discover ✓ Learn ✓

This book is designed to help you and your child get the best learning experience possible. We suggest that you make yourselves comfortable within a quiet environment and allow your child to hold the book and turn the pages. When you and your child are reading the book, pause to allow your child to *read* a word or ask questions about the pictures and words.

Pages 4-7: As young children experience the world outside their home and start to make friends at school, they may notice that not every family has the same structure. The photographs on these pages help celebrate that there are many different kinds of families.

When talking with your child about families, explain that a family may have a mommy and a daddy. It might have a mommy and no daddy, or a daddy and no mommy. Some families have two mommies or two daddies, or no mommies and daddies. Some families have two parents who live separately.

Many children live in a blended family with a biological parent and another parent figure. This family may include children the parent couple have had together and children from previous relationships.

A family may also include parents and one or more adopted children.

Some children live with their grandparents or with aunts and uncles. Others live with foster parents or other guardians.

Explain to your child that every family is unique and any combination of people can make a family. What's most important is that the members of a family love each other and take care of each other.

Talk to your child about who is in **THEIR** family, who takes care of **THEM**, and who lives in **THEIR** home.

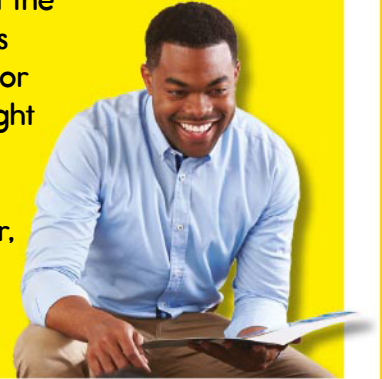


Pages 10-11: The photographs on these pages can be used to help explain the arrival of a new baby to a family. On page 10, the woman in the striped top is pregnant. Point to her belly and explain that she has a baby growing inside her. The scan on page 10 is a special photograph that shows a baby inside a mommy's body. The mommy and daddy on page 11 are feeding their hungry babies. The mommy is feeding the baby with milk from her breasts (feel free to use whatever word is most familiar to your child).

Parents also feed their babies milk in bottles.



Pages 24-25: Talk about the people your child meets regularly outside of his or her family. Examples might include family friends, the doctor, a dentist, a teacher, a hairdresser, or a friendly clerk in a local shop.



Pages 28-29: Use the photos to discuss feelings and behavior. For example:

- Why do you think the little boy is sad? (Perhaps the man is his daddy or big brother who has to go away to work.)
- Why is the family excited?
- The brothers are fighting over the scooter. How will they feel after the fight?

Pages 18-19: Ask your child to discuss what is happening in the photos. (The girls on page 18 live in a tiny village in Vietnam. They are collecting wood to burn on fires that their families use for heat and cooking.) Ask your child how he or she helps around the home. For example, does your child help with baking or other kinds of cooking? Does your child clean up his or her toys before going to bed?



My Family Activities

Make a Family Portrait

Ask your child to draw or paint the people in their family. Sit with your child while they create their picture. Discuss the picture and ask questions—for example, what color hair does your sister have? What is your pet's name?

To extend this activity, ask your child to draw or paint their home around or alongside the family members. He or she may also wish to add members of their extended family, such as grandparents, cousins, or friends.



Create a Handprint Family Tree

Help your child draw or paint a tree trunk and branches. Ask family members to make handprints, using a different color for each person. The prints can be made directly onto the tree. Alternatively, the prints can be made onto individual pieces of paper. Then help your child cut out the handprints and glue them to the tree.



Make a Shapes House

Cut different shapes (for example, squares, circles, triangles, and rectangles) from colored paper. Ask your child to make a picture of their home by gluing the different shapes to a piece of paper. When the picture is completed, ask your child what each of the different shapes represents—for example, are the squares windows or doors? What part of the building is shown by the big triangle?



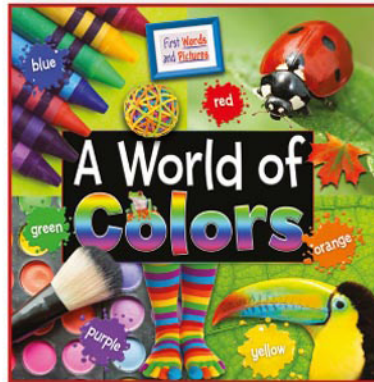
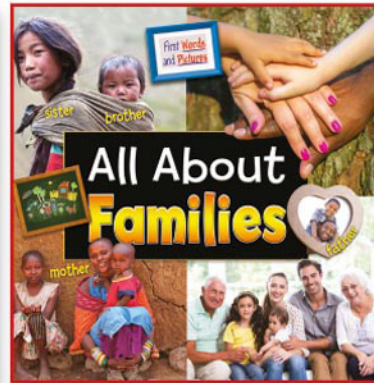
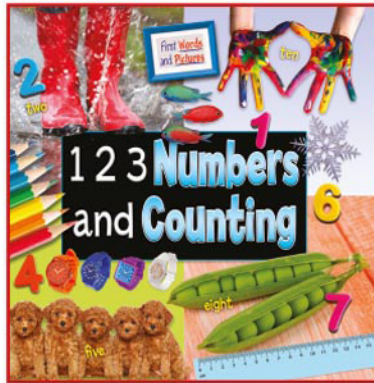
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