

## **TREASURE CHEST KIT #9: EVERYBODY HAS A FAMILY**

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
BOOK	Arthur's Baby	MARC BROWN
BOOK	Brothers And Sisters	ELLEN B. SENISI
BOOK	Daddies	ADELE ARON GREENSPUN
BOOK	The Family Reunion	TRICIA TUSA
BOOK	I Got Family	MELROSE COOPER
BOOK	Is Your Mama A Llama?	DEBORAH GUARINO
BOOK	It's Just Me, Emily	ANNA GROSSNICKLE HINES
BOOK	Making Room	PHOEBE KOEHLER
BOOK	"More More More," Said The Baby	VERA B. WILLIAMS
BOOK	A Mother For Choco	KEIKO KASZA
BOOK	My Son John	JIM AYLESWORTH
BOOK	One Hundred Is A Family	PAM MUNOZ RYAN
BOOK	Our Granny	MARGARET WILD
BOOK	The Relatives Came	CYNTHIA RYLANT
BOOK	Spots Baby Sister	ERIC HILL
BOOK	The Three Bears	BYRON BARTON
BOOK	Tucking Mommy In	MORAG LOH
BOOK	Wanted Perfect Parents	JOHN HIMMELMAN
BOOK	The Way Mothers Are	MIRIAM SCHLEIN
BOOK	Whose Mouse Are You?	ROBERT KRAUS
BOARD BOOK	Mama Bird, Baby Birds	ANGELA JOHNSON
BIG BOOK	A Chair For My Mother	VERA B. WILLIAMS
RESOURCE	More Story Stretchers	SHIRLEY C. RAINES and ROBERT J. CANADY
BOOK		
BOOK & TAPE	Mama, Do You Love Me?	BARBARA M. JOOSSE
CASSETTE	Family Tree	TOM CHAPIN
VHS	Smile For Auntie	
TOY	Three Bears, Goldilocks And Toy House (5 pieces)	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Read** *The Relatives Came*. Invite children to share stories about times when relatives visited their house.

**Have children draw a picture** of a favorite relative. Ask: What do you like most about this person? What kinds of things do you enjoy doing together? If you could tell this person how you feel about them, what would you say? Print children's messages on their pictures.

**Have each child make a picture** of their family's favorite things. Include photographs. Invite children to bring in and share their family's favorite book.

**Read** *The Three Bears* and then have the children take turns acting this story out using the toy bears and house.

**Invite Grandmothers and Grandfathers** to the center for a special tea and sing this song to the tune of "*My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean*:"

My Grandma is coming to visit,  
My Grandma is coming to play.  
My Grandma is coming to visit,  
She's coming to visit today.  
Refrain: Waiting, waiting,  
waiting for Grandma today, today.  
Waiting, waiting,  
Oh waiting for Grandma today.  
We'll go for a walk in the park  
We'll go for a walk in the zoo,  
We'll go for a walk in the park,  
I'll hope she will be her soon.

My Grandpa is coming to visit, . . .

### **This Is The Mother**

This is the mother, kind and dear,  
*(Make a fist, then point to thumb)*  
This is the father, sitting near,  
*(Show each finger in turn)*  
This is the brother, strong and tall,  
This is the sister who plays with her ball,  
This is the baby, the littlest of all,  
See my whole family, large and small.  
*(Wiggle all of the fingers)*

**Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:**

- *At Grammy's House* by Eve Rice. A brother and sister spend a day at Grammy's farm.
- *Aunt Nina And Her Nephew And Nieces* by Franz Brandenburg. When Aunt Nina gives a birthday party for her cat, the guests receive surprise presents.
- *Mean Old Uncle Jack* by Anna Grossnickle Hines. Uncle Jack loves to tease the kids. One day his nieces and nephews turn the tables on him.
- *The Not-So-Wicked Stepmother* by Lizi Boyd. Expecting her new stepmother to be mean, ugly and horrible, HESSIE is surprised to find her not wicked at all.
- *Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco. When lightning and thunder frighten a little girl, Grandma helps her overcome her fear by baking a thunder cake.
- *Trade-In Mother* by Marisabina Russo. Max's mother won't do things his way and he threatens to trade her in.
- *Where's Our Mama?* by Diane Goode. French children are separated from their Mama in a train station. When they are asked "What does Mama look like?" They answer "she is the most beautiful woman in the world."

- *Your My Nikki* by Phyllis Rose Eisenburg. As Mama prepares for her new job, Nikki worries that Mama may forget her.