

**Family activities:** Activities to accompany Bill Harley's song "Family"

*Circle time:*

Listen to song

Ask children to look at each; Are you the same as \_\_\_\_\_?

Why not?

Ask children to tell you who is in their families

Make a chart comparing families or what the children look like

*Blocks:*

Doll house

Building houses

*Reading:*

Books about families

*Writing:*

\*Write a story about your family or make a family tree---allow children to do their own writing or have them dictate to you

*Math:*

Counting and comparing number of people in their house using a chart

*Music:*

Bill Harley's "You're In Trouble" CD

*Dramatic play:*

Provide dolls of different nationalities

*Water table:*

Listen to "If You're Gonna Be A Grub"

Give dolls a bath

*Science:*

\*Fingerprints ---allow children to make fingerprints using different mediums (ink pad, marker, dust, etc...)

Examine them through a magnifying glass

Make pictures from the fingerprints

Use skin tone hand shapes and add fingerprints to tips of hand shapes

*Art:*

Provide children with skin tone paper dolls or heads---allow them to create themselves and/or their families

Body traces and allow children to decorate themselves

*Cooking:*

\*Make cookie portraits--- Sugar cookies with condensed milk or corn syrup paint

*Family connection:*

Ask the families to send in a picture of their families

Invite them to come in and share a family activity or tradition