**Lesson Focus:** What is Your Family Like?

## **Materials:**

Internet access for videos

Notebook and crayons

## **Invitation to Learn:**

We are going to be talking about your family.

Watch these videos:

What is Family <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzlxG2B2neU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzlxG2B2neU</a>

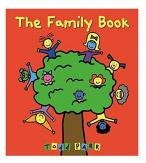
A Family is a Family <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrhevVGujyk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrhevVGujyk</a>

Families and Children Around the <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2r2C26RCYs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2r2C26RCYs</a>

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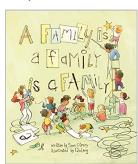
**The Family Book**. By Todd Parr (you may be able to get this at the Public Library)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIm H01Z6Ss



**A Family is a Family is a Family**. By Sara O'Leary

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-t8Cpqy0x4}$ 



## Have a Discussion:

What do the words "responsibility", "caregiver", and "member" mean?

- a responsibility is something that is your job to do or think about
- a caregiver is someone who is responsible for the care of others
- a member is someone who is part of a group

Who are the caregivers in your life?

What does the word family mean to you?

How many people/members are in your family?

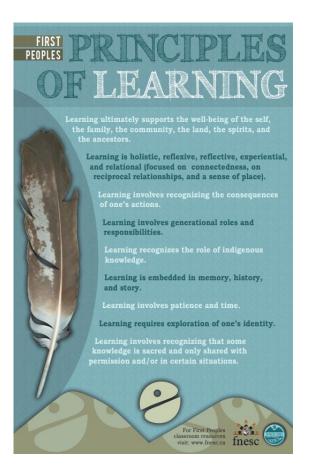
What are the different responsibilities of each member of your family?

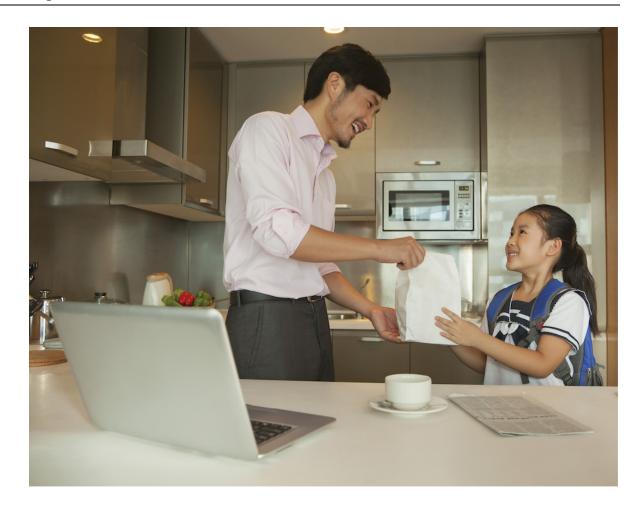
What is the best thing about your family?

Possible Examples: someone is always there to care for and love me, spending time together, doing things together

# **Learning from First Peoples**

The role of the extended family is important to many First Peoples for the raising of children and youth. Many First Peoples share the worldview that we are all one family. First Peoples often have words in their own language for different family roles, such as mother, father, brother, and sister.





Look at the image above.

### Ask:

Who do you see in this image?

What do you think is happening in this image?

What clues tell you that these people are a family?

Examples: the father and the child look like each other, the father is taking care of his child

What else can you tell about this family?

What things are the same or different between this family and your own?

What do you think are the responsibilities of the adult member of this family?

What do you think are the responsibilities of the younger member of this family?

#### Discuss:

- There are many ways of defining a family. A family might consist of two adults without children; a mother, a father, and children; a single parent and a child; a grandparent, a mother, and a child; aunts, uncles, and cousins; or a group of friends. A family is any group of people who love and care for each other. A family is a place/source of love, support, and belonging.
- Some families are big with many children and lots of relatives. Others are small with only one parent and a child. Sometimes people adopt children.
- The people in a family are all ages too. Some people in families look like each other and some look very different from each other. People in a family may have different last names, but they are still a family. Members of a family live together or they may live far away or nearby in a different house. A family is a group of people who love and care for each other and belong together.

# **Notebook Time:**

- Draw and colour a picture of your family. Make sure you include yourself.
- Label your family with their names.
- Add details to your drawing. (example possibilities: trees, fence, flowers, sun...)