

Story Time Kit #5: FAMILY

Books:

- *Families* by Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly (Ages 3-6)
- *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco (Ages 4 and up)
- *Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born* by Jamie Lee Curtis (Ages 4-8)
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams (Ages 4-8)
- *Shopping with Dad* by Matt Harvey (Ages 4-8)
- *Who's in a Family?* by Robert Skutch (Ages 3-7)
- *The Family Book* by Todd Parr (Ages 2-5)

Activities:

- Song: With My Family
- Craft: Family Crest
- Craft: Family Handprint
- Craft: My Family Tree
- Felt Board Family
 - To be used with *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco

Additional book suggestions:

- *Who's in my Family?* by Robie H. Harris
- *The Color of Home* by Mary Hoffman
- *One Family* by George Shannon
- *Families, Families, Families!* by Suzanne Lang

With My Family

Sung to 'The Muffin Man'

Tell me what you like to do

Like to do, like to do.

Tell me what you like to do

With your family.

Edward likes to rake the leaves

Rake the leaves, rake the leaves.

Edward likes to rake the leaves

With his family.

**Add lyrics as you see fit

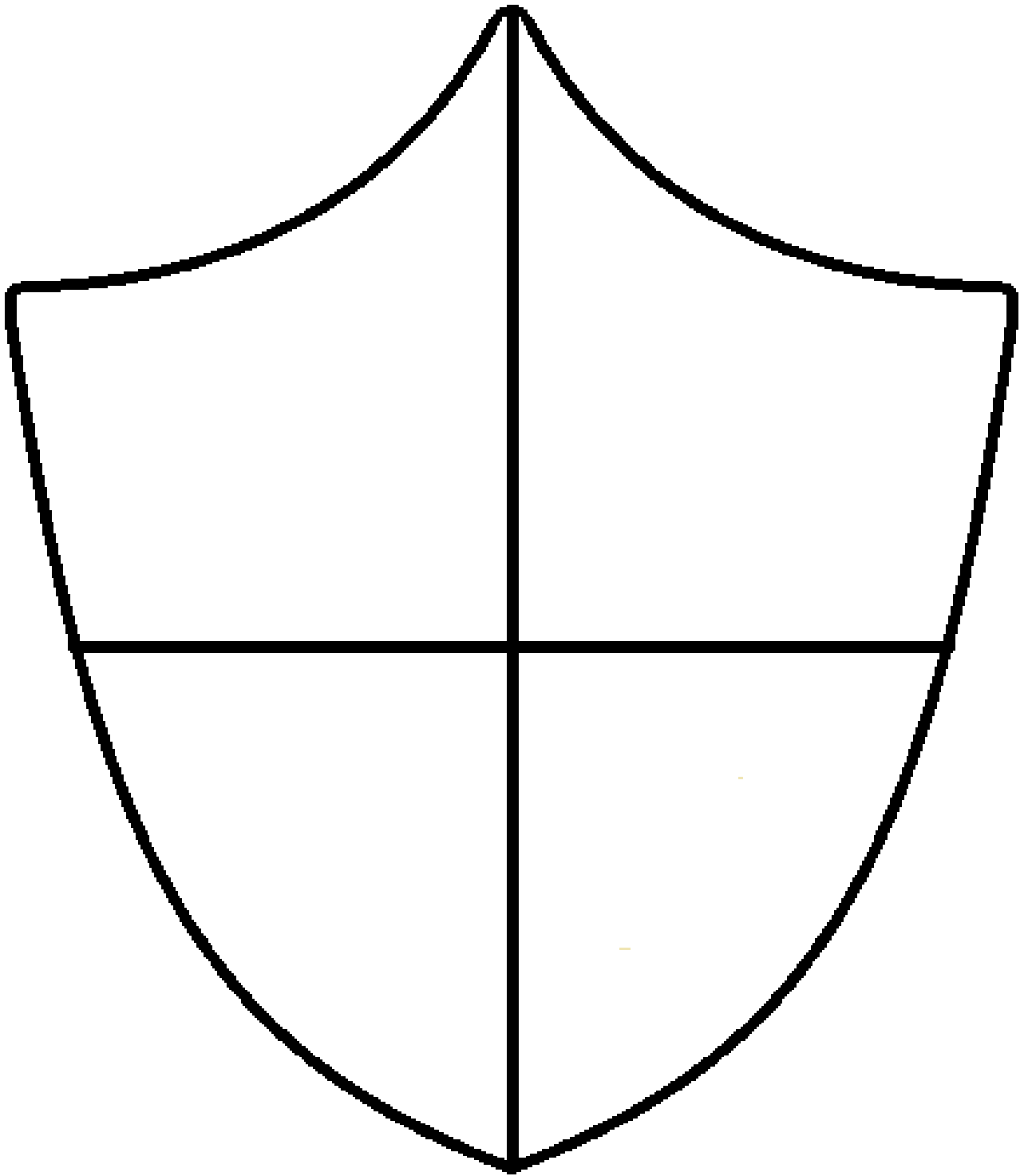
Family Crest

Materials:

- A large piece of paper, at least 11"x14"
- The pictures
- Crayons, markers, pencil
- An outline of a shield cut from oak tag
- Glue (optional)

Instructions:

1. On the large piece of paper, trace the oak tag shield or draw an outline of any shape (such as an oval).
2. Divide the shape into three or four equal sections.
3. In each section, draw a picture that represents one idea about your family. Some children may prefer to cut out pictures from magazines or use a family photograph. Another alternative is to use a computer, since this activity can be done easily with any drawing program.
4. Laminate the finished crests, if possible.
5. Have children share and compare their crests.



Family Handprints Craft



Materials:

- paper,
- pencil,
- scissors,
- Optional: hole punch and string
- Family

Instructions:

- trace each family member's hand
- Cut out the handprint
- In the center, write "*My family member* is special because..." (or the parent can write it out for younger children).
- Optional Punch a hole in the top and the bottom of each hand and tie them together to form a long chain of handprints.

My Family Tree

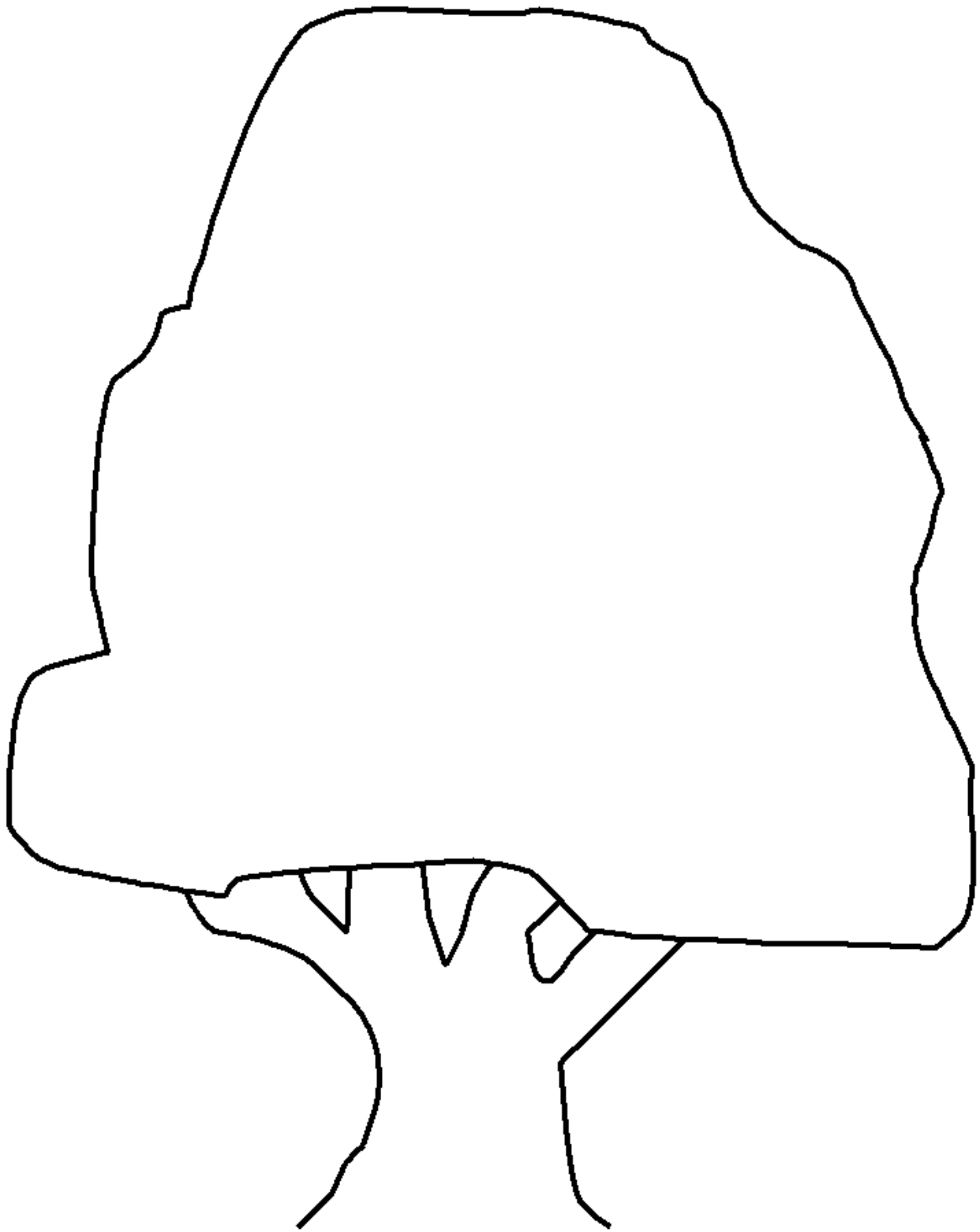
Materials:

- printer
- paper
- scissors
- something to color with (if using the B&W template)
- glue
- marker
- OPTIONAL: photos of the family members

Instructions:

- print out the tree template and the apples template
- color the template pieces and cut out the apples
- OPTIONAL: glue a photo to the center of each apple
- if you aren't using photos, write the name of each family member in the center of the apple
- Glue the apples onto the tree, starting with yourself (the child) at the top. Include siblings near the top as well.
- The next row should include parents and the final row, grandparents.

**Also included is an alternative tree.





Name: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Brothers and Sisters: _____

Favorite Things: _____

Interesting Story: _____

