

Some Kind of Love

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Love, Family, Relationships, Traditions

Grade Level: K to 5th grade

Book Brief: A family reunion told through poems.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make connections: Has your child ever been to a family reunion? Do they like to spend time with aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents?

read each poem, ask your child what story it's telling. What part of the family reunion is that poem about?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What part of the story does this poem tell?
- ◆ Do the people in the poem remind you of anyone in your own family?
- ◆ Would you want to go to this family reunion? Why or why not?

While reading, look for the story: This book works best if you read one or two poems at a time. As you

RELATED ACTIVITIES

OLD FAMILY RECIPE

You can learn about differences just by eating! Give your child slices from 2 or 3 different kinds of apples and cubes of 2 or 3 kinds of cheese. While they eat, ask them to think about how the apples and cheese are alike and different. . .and how they're all delicious!

OUT AND ABOUT

How much does your child know about your family history? The next time you're stuck in the car or on the bus, tell them about your family and your childhood. Is your child named after a family member? Are you?



FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM

Materials: plastic zip baggies, glue or tape, family photos, stapler, pen, markers, construction paper

Staple several baggies together at the closed (non-zip) end. Cut the construction paper so it will fit into the baggies. On each page, glue a family photo. Label the photo and let your child decorate the page. Put the pages into the baggies and zip them closed. If you want, make a front and back cover to put in the first and last baggies.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER POETIC BOOKS

Amazing Faces, Lee Bennett Hopkins (2010),
Hush!, Minfong Ho (2000),
Up and Down the Andes, Laurie Krebs (2011).

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