Make: My Family Finger Poem and Picture

At a Glance:
Children will name each of their fingers as one of their own family members and perform a finger play.

Supplies Needed for Each Student:
- piece of paper
- text slip
- crayons
- *optional:* round labels to use as faces



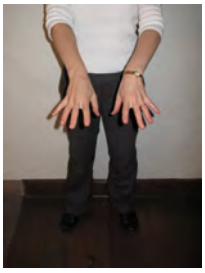
Teacher Preparation:
- Cut apart text slips.
- Review the poem on the next page.

Directions:

1. Seat children in a circle on the floor.
2. Let's imagine that each of our fingers is a little finger-puppet. I'm going to show you my fingers. (Teacher holds up two hands with fingers stretching up.)
3. Let's all hold our fingers up and wiggle them like puppets!
4. Now I'm going to pretend that each one of my fingers is someone in my family! (Point to each finger and then wiggle each finger in turn and say: "This one's Mom (wiggle one finger), this one's Dad (wiggle another finger), this one's Joey," etc.)
5. Let's all show our finger-puppets and tell everyone about our families. Go around the circle giving each child a turn to wiggle their fingers and name their family members.
6. Now we are going to say a rhyme together. Put your hands in your lap. I will say the rhyme and do the actions once while you watch, and then we will do it together. (See poem and finger motions on next page.)
7. We are now going to make a picture of our family using our hands. Demonstrate putting your hand on the paper, spreading your fingers and drawing around.
8. Distribute paper and crayons and help each child draw around their hand(s) so that there are enough digits to draw each person in their family.
9. Now we will give everyone a face. Give each person two eyes and a lovely smile!
10. *Optional*: Give the children a round sticker for each member of their family. Let the children put a sticker at the top of each finger. Draw a face on each sticker.
11. Distribute text slips. Glue at the top or bottom of the page.

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My Family Finger Poem



Here is my family in a fine row.

Hold hands out and wiggle fingers.



Together, in God's special love,
we can grow.

Hug oneself wiggling fingers.



Some people are tall.

Hold hands over head.



And some others are small.

Crouch down with hands low.



We praise God together
in thanks for us all!

Raise hands and wiggle fingers overhead.

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