

Lesson 28 - My Family

Aim

to know that God loves each person in our family and that everyone is important

Materials

‘The Family Portrait,’ by Tim Atkinson

‘Anderson family’ picture

Photos of each child’s family

Black & white pictures of grandparents, parents and children to cut and paste

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
 2. Story & Discussion
 3. Activity - cut & paste pictures
 4. Review aims of lesson
 5. Prayer
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1) Introduction

Begin by asking the children to show photographs of their family. How many are in your family? Talk about each family member; their names and ages. Is it a recent or older photo? When was it taken? Do they like having their picture taken? Today’s story is about a family that wanted to have a photograph taken of their whole family.

2) Story & Discussion

- * Look at the pictures of each person in the Anderson family. Explain who is Daddy, Mummy, Peter, Erik, Lena and Maria. Then read ‘The Family Portrait,’
- * God loves each person in a family and everyone is important, from the oldest to the youngest. If one person is missing, the family is not complete. In the story the whole family means grandparents, parents and children - three generations.
- * Who is the youngest in your family? Do you have grandparents? Where do they live? Do you visit each other? How often? What do you do when you are all together? (grandparents, parents, children)

3) Activity

- * Cut and paste pictures of grandparents, parents, children. Cut out the correct number of pictures for each child’s family

4) Review the lesson aim

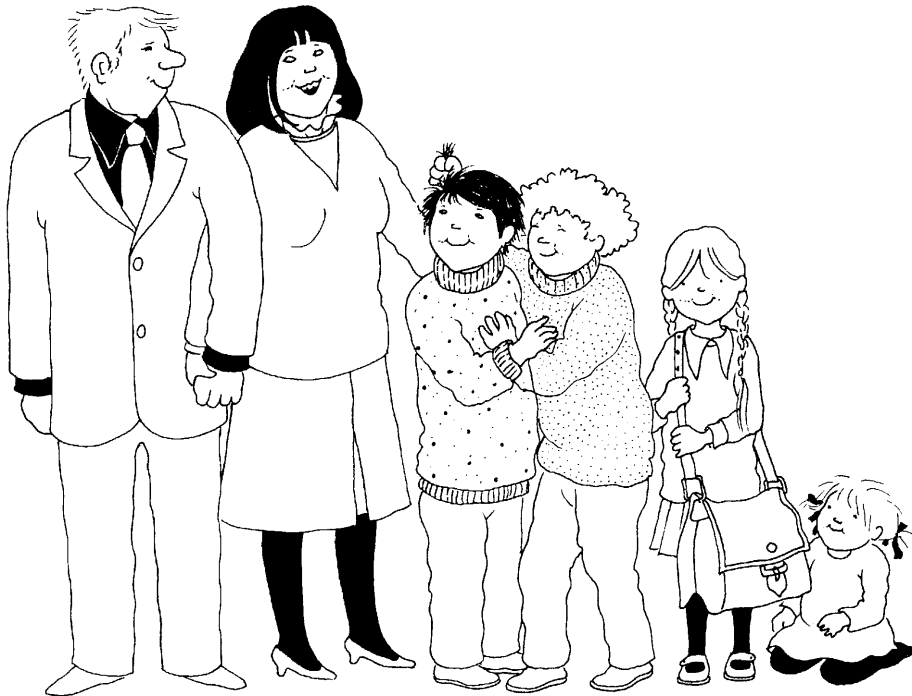
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5) Prayer

* Say a prayer to thank God for their family.

The Family Portrait

by Tim Atkinson



The big day had arrived. The Anderson family were going to have their picture taken. There were six of them - Daddy, Mummy, Peter, Erik, Lena and Maria. Maria was the youngest. She was two years old.

The photographer came with his big camera and everyone came to the living room. Soon everything was ready.

“Smile please,” said the photographer.

“Wait!” said Daddy. “Where’s Maria? She was here. Did anyone see her leave?”

“No,” they all said.

The photography wanted to take the picture, but Daddy said no. Without Maria it couldn’t be the whole family. Everyone started searching for her. Upstairs, downstairs, outside in the kitchen, the bedroom. But she was nowhere to be found. Where could she be? Everyone shook their heads. Just then they could hear a little snoring sound behind the photographer’s big box. They all went to look. There was Maria, fast asleep. Everyone roared with laughter, which woke little Maria up.

There was a ring at the door. It was grandpa and grandma coming for a visit. Now they could have an even bigger picture. Soon it was taken. It was a lovely photograph. Almost everyone was smiling, except little Maria. She was yawning, but that made it an even better picture.

Later, Daddy thought to himself, “God wanted Maria to sleep, so that Grandpa and Grandma could be in the picture. Without them the family wouldn’t really be the whole family.

The Anderson Family



Daddy



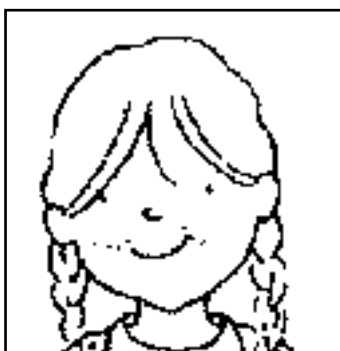
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Peter



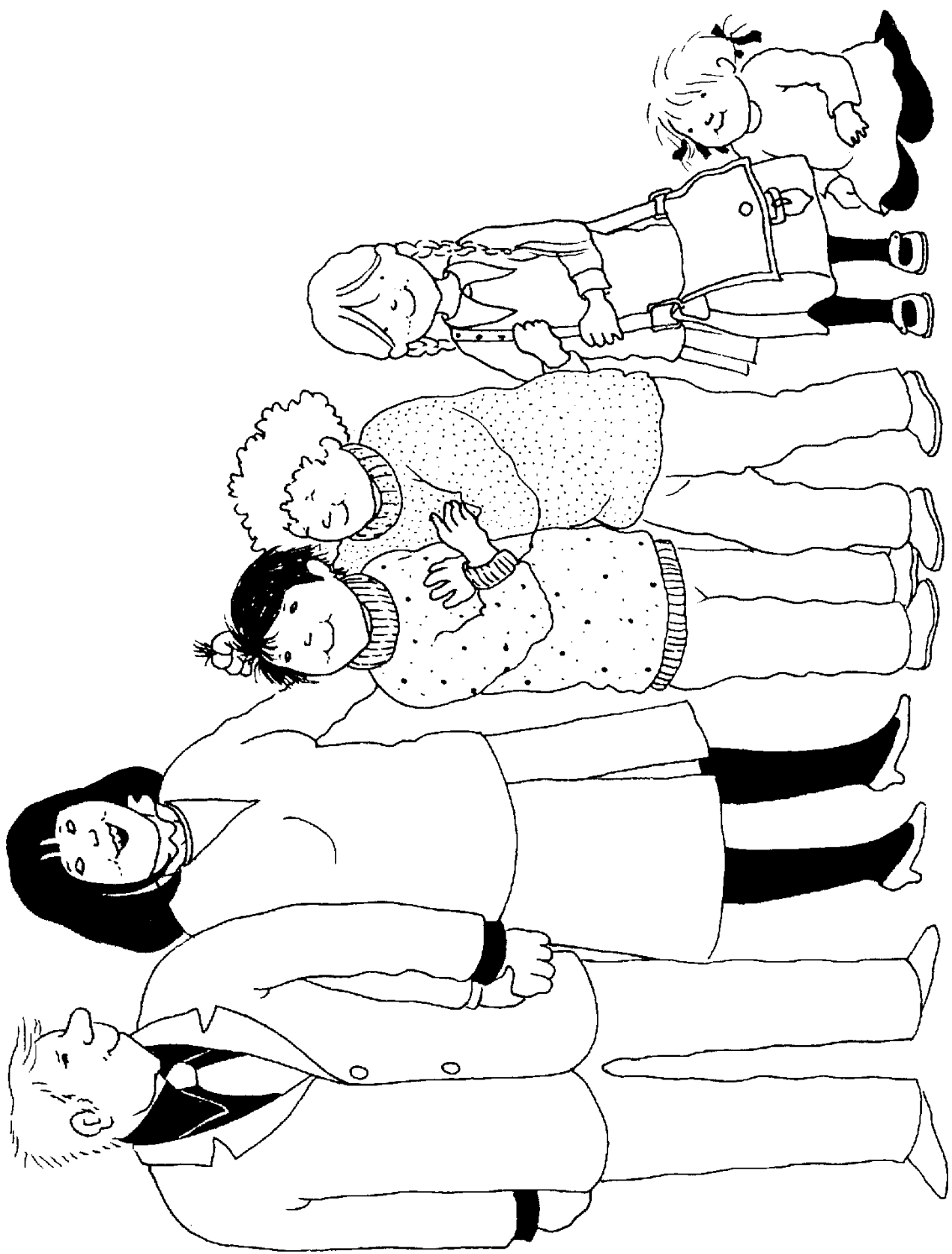
Erik



Lena



Maria



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