Songs & Fingerplays

**Family Fingerplay**

This is a family
[show all ten fingers]
Let’s count and see
How many people there are
And who they could be!

This is the mother,
[wiggle index finger]
This is the father
[wiggle middle finger]
This is the sister,
[wiggle ring finger]
And this is the brother
[wiggle pinkie]

Here is grandpa
[wiggle thumb]
And grandma too!
[wiggle other thumb]
[wiggle other index finger]
An aunt,
[wiggle other middle finger]
An uncle,
[wiggle other ring finger and pinkie]
And cousins who
Make up a family for me and you!
[point to self and children]

**Some Families**

Some families are large
[hold arms out wide]
Some families are small
[bring hands close together]
But I love my family, best of all!
[hug self]

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**Theme: Gather Around the Table**

**Books to Share**

Food, family, and fun go together like peanut butter and jelly! Why not celebrate the joyous, memorable moments we share in the kitchen or around the table with stories, songs, and rhymes?

In *Bee-bim Bop!*, a daughter and mother explore a traditional Korean meal with the flair it deserves. *Grandma’s Tiny House* presents a different take on a counting book and shows how families seem to multiply when a home-cooked meal appears on the table. And Todd Parr’s *The Family Book* shows no matter the size or makeup of your family, they are all unique in their own way! Much like a family’s favorite recipe.

- *Grandma’s Tiny House* by JaNay Brown-Wood
- *Around the Table That Grandad Built* by Melanie Heuiser Hill
- *Bee-bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park
- *The Family Book* by Todd Parr
- *Feeling Thankful* by Shelley Rotner

**Nursery Rhyme:** *To Market, To Market*

**Music:** “Victor Vito” from *The Best of Laurie Berkner Band* by The Laurie Berkner Band

Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!

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Next month’s theme will be *Sock Hop!*
Try a Fun Activity

**Family Tree Craft**
- Sticks from outside (or craft sticks)
- Cardboard tube
- Poster putty
- Paint
- White Cardstock
- Washable Paint
- Markers

1. Cut cardboard tubes to make several ovals
2. Pinch the oval shapes at the top and bottom to form a leaf shape
3. Using the sticks and poster putty, create the branches of the family tree onto the white cardstock
4. Dip the cardboard tube leaves into the paint and add leaves to the branches
5. Allow leaves to dry before labeling the leaves with each family member
6. Optional: Add photos of each of the family members next to their leaves


**I Am Hungry**
tune: Are You Sleeping?

I am hungry! [I am hungry]
What should I eat? [What should I eat?]
Think I’ll have some pizza
[think I’ll have some pizza]
Without any meat! [Without any meat].

I am hungry! [I am hungry]
What should I eat? [What should I eat?]
Think I’ll have tomato soup
[think I’ll have tomato soup]
With lots of heat! [With lots of heat].

Let’s Be Thankful
tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Let’s be thankful for this day
For the food we eat today
We are grateful, we are glad
For the good things that we have
Let’s give thanks for you and me
And our friends and family.

Stir, Stir, Stir the Soup
tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Stir, stir, stir the soup
Stir it all day long.
Add some [insert food name here]
Take a taste [slurrrp!]
Soup will make us strong. [flex arm]

Questions or suggestions?
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