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Diversity and Families

Hi! My name is Judah, and I am a librarian. Right now, I work at a public library in my town. A public library is a place that anyone can visit to find books.

At the library, I have a lot of responsibilities. I help kids and adults find books, buy new books for the library, and also plan events! Last week, I planned an event called "Race to Read." Kids entered a competition to read 15 books in a month! If they read 15 books, they would get an award for being a top reader.



Today, I am planning a new event called "Celebrating Unique and Diverse Families." The word diverse means different. Every family is different from other families in a special way. The goal of the event is to celebrate how families in my town are unique and diverse.

There will be three main parts to the event:

- Welcome speech to thank people for attending
- Stories told by students about their diverse families
- Project for families to complete together

Follow the steps below to help me plan the different parts of the event!

Step 1: Write a Welcome Speech

Our first step is to write a welcome speech that will be read when the event starts. The welcome speech will thank people for coming and explain why it is important for people to learn about and be respectful of others' families. Complete the sentences below to brainstorm ideas for your welcome speech.

It is important to be respectful of other families because....

Every family is special and unique. This means.....

Families can also be similar. One way families are similar is....

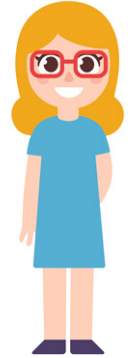
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Step 2: Choose a Family

Read the stories about four families that will be featured at the event. Pick one family and to make a poster for at the event.

Hi! I am Eva. One reason my family is unique is because I live with my aunt, grandma, parents, and two siblings. This means I live in a multi-generational house. I love that there are seven people at my dinner table every night! My family is also unique because everyone wears glasses! My dad, grandma, and I are also left-handed. Most people are right-handed, so I think it's cool we are lefties.



Hi! I am Jayden. My family is unique for many reasons. First, my family is made up of just my mom and me! Second, my family is unique because we immigrated from England. This means that we used to live in England, but we moved to the United States a few years ago.



Hi! I am Antonya. One way that my family is unique is because my parents are divorced. This means my mom and dad aren't married anymore. My mom lives in one house, and my dad lives in another house. When I am at my mom's house, we swim and play basketball. We also usually speak Spanish. When I am at my dad's house, we ride bikes and play soccer. We sometimes speak Spanish, but we usually speak English.



Hi! I am Aaron. My family is really cool and unique. At my house, we speak English and speak with American Sign Language. American Sign Language is a type of visual language. A visual language is a language that uses facial expressions and hand movements to communicate ideas and words. We use sign language because my mom cannot hear words when people speak. I try to teach kids at my school American Sign Language. My family is cool because we have pet snakes and turtles. I'm the only kid in my class with a pet snake!



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Step 3: Design a Poster For One Family

Make a poster for the family you chose. The poster should include:

- The name of the person talking about their family on the line below.
- Pictures and words that talk about 2 unique things about their family.

Welcome _____ Family!

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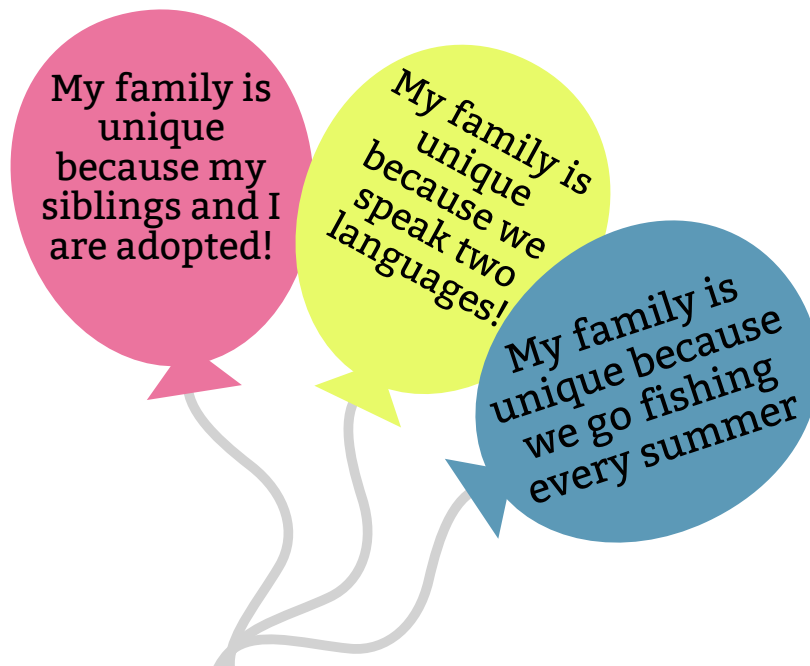
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Step 4: Make a Balloon Bouquet

People will now create a balloon bouquet! A balloon bouquet is a bunch of balloons that are in a group.



Once people get their balloon bouquet, they use a marker to write or draw something on each balloon that makes their family unique. For example, one balloon could say, "My family is unique because we speak two languages!" Another balloon could say, "My family is unique because we go fishing every summer."



It is your job to make a balloon bouquet that people can see when they come to the event. That way, they can see an example of what a balloon bouquet looks like! On the next page you will see 6 balloons! In each balloon, write or draw something that makes your family unique.

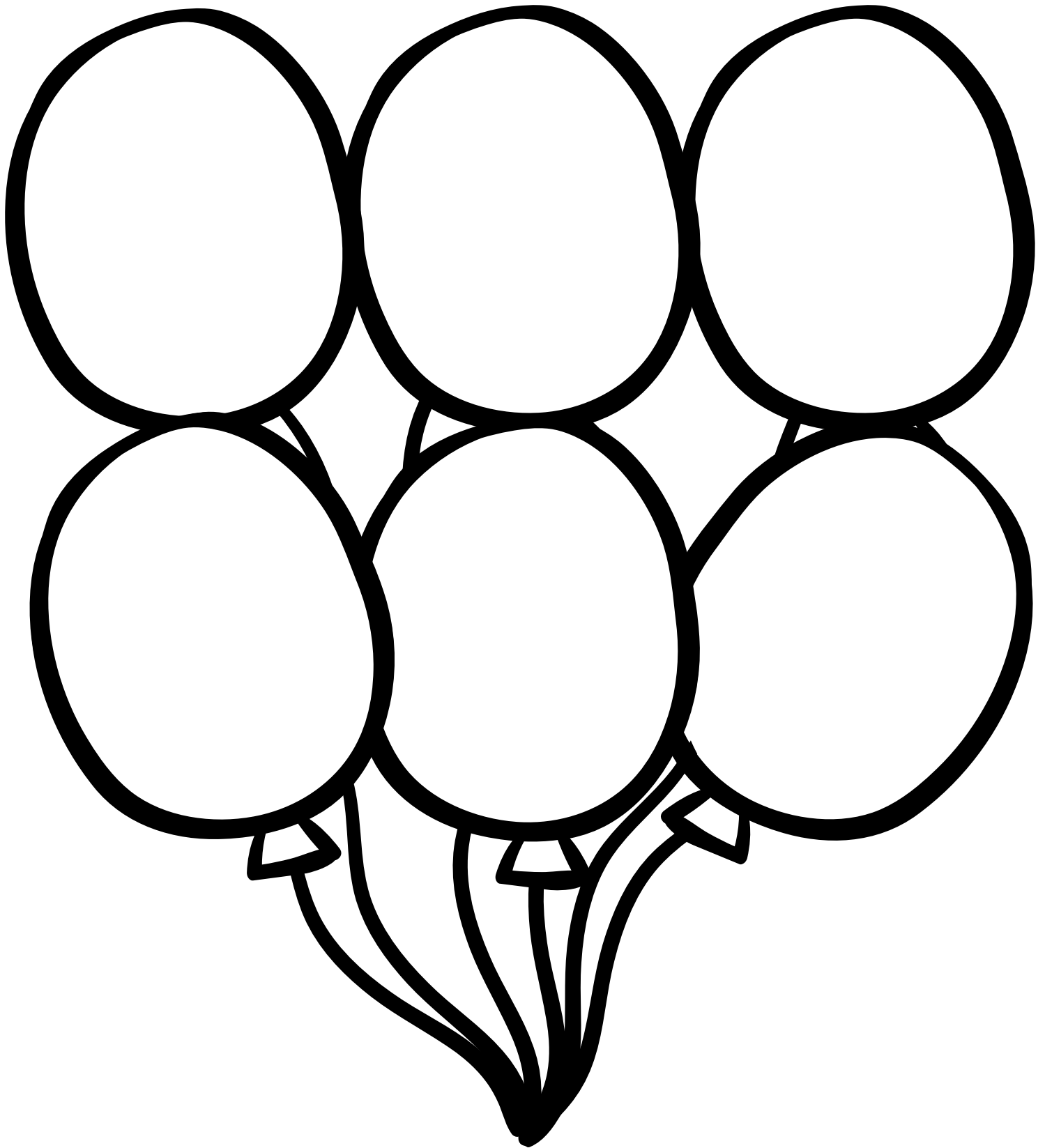
If you need help coming up with ways that your family is unique, think about the following:

- Do you have a big or small family?
- What does your family like to do for fun together?
- Is there a special meal your family likes to eat?
- What languages does your family speak?
- What is your family's favorite holiday?
- How is your family different from or similar to your friends' families?

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In each balloon, write or draw something that makes your family unique.



Extra Time? Design an invitation on a separate piece of paper to encourage people to come to the event!