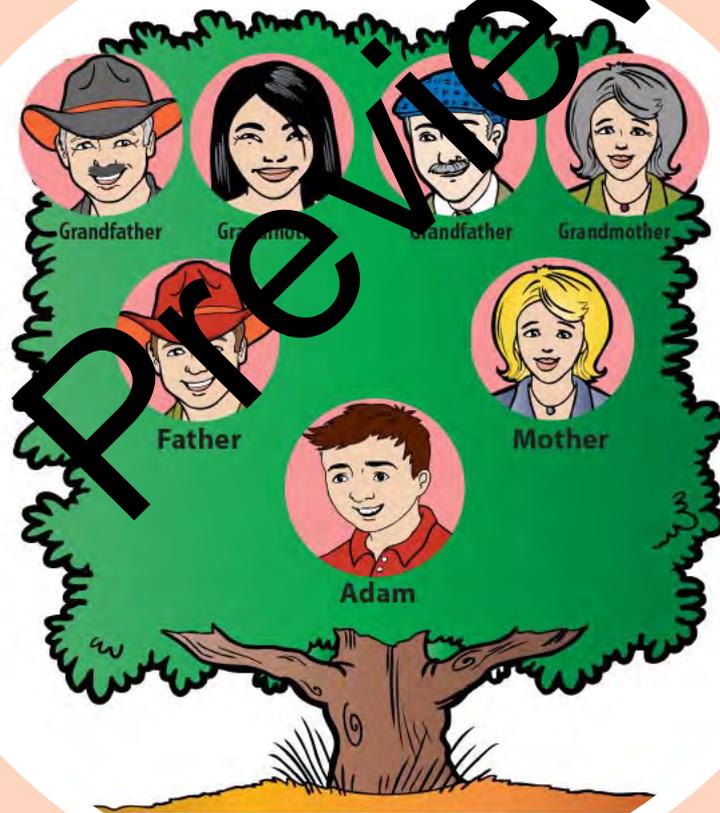


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# Family Structures



## For Junior Primary

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Your family is a group that you belong to.  
There are many different types of families all around the world.

Draw the members of your family.



Find and name someone in your class who...

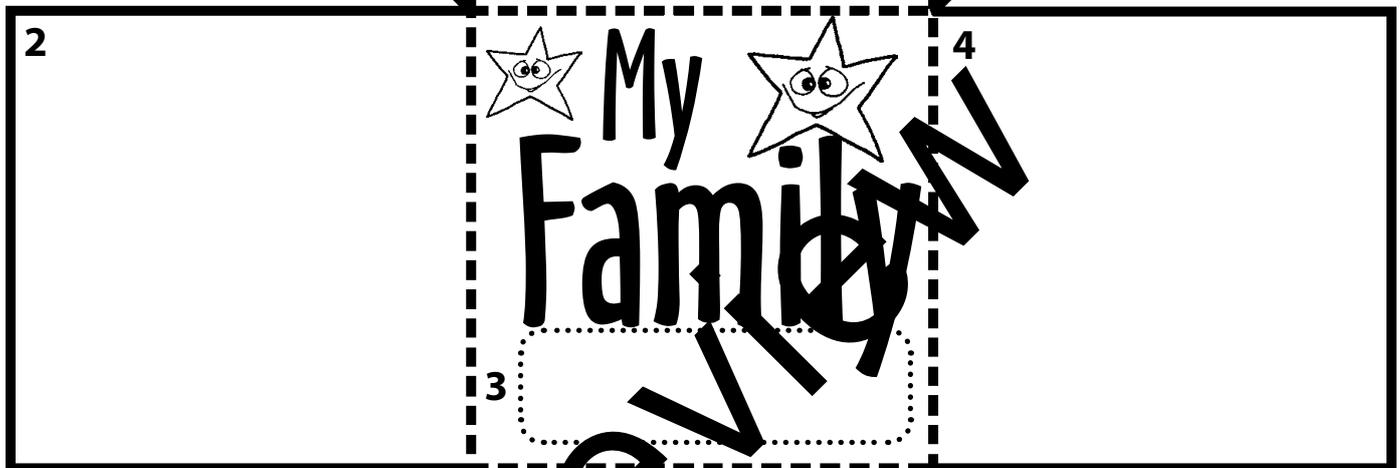
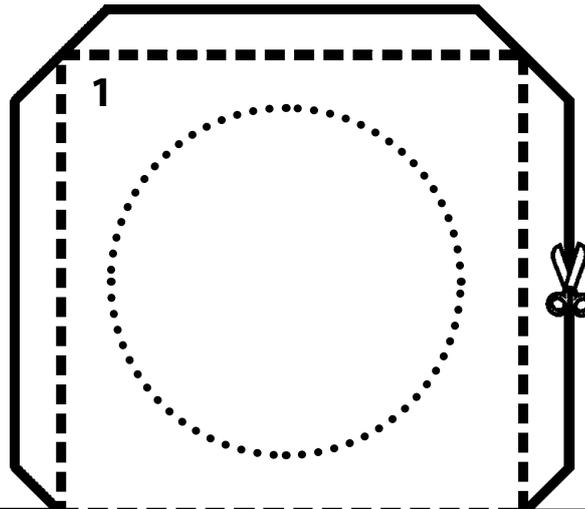
has three people in his/her family:

is an only child:

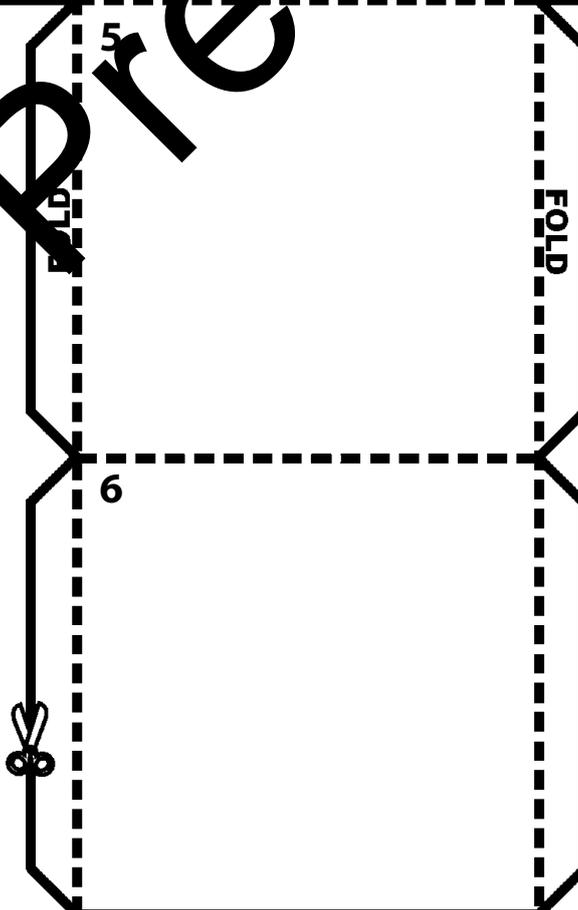
has four or more siblings:

has an extended family member living with them:

- Decorate the box by following the numbered steps.



1. Draw how you feel when you are with your family.
2. Print the names of your family.
3. Print your surname.
4. Draw the people in your family.
5. Draw the house that you live in.
6. Draw something your family likes to do together.



**Once you have decorated your box...**

- Cut out the box and fold tabs along the dashed lines.
- Put something inside the box that reminds you of your family.
- Glue the sides together.



All families are different. All family structures should be valued.

Draw the different types of families.

A family with a mother, father and one or more child is known as a **nuclear** family.

A family with one parent and one or more child is known as a **single-parent** family.

A family with one parent, one step-parent and one or more child is known as a **blended** family.

A family that consists of people who are not part of the immediate family (e.g. grandma, aunt, uncle) is known as an **extended** family.

Use the back of the sheet to draw and label other types of family structures.

## Activity

# Family Structure Tree 1



All families are different. All family structures should be valued.

Inside the  
leaf:

1. Draw the people in your family.
2. Write who they are.
3. Label the type of family structure that you belong to.
4. Cut out the leaf.
5. Write your name on the back of the leaf.

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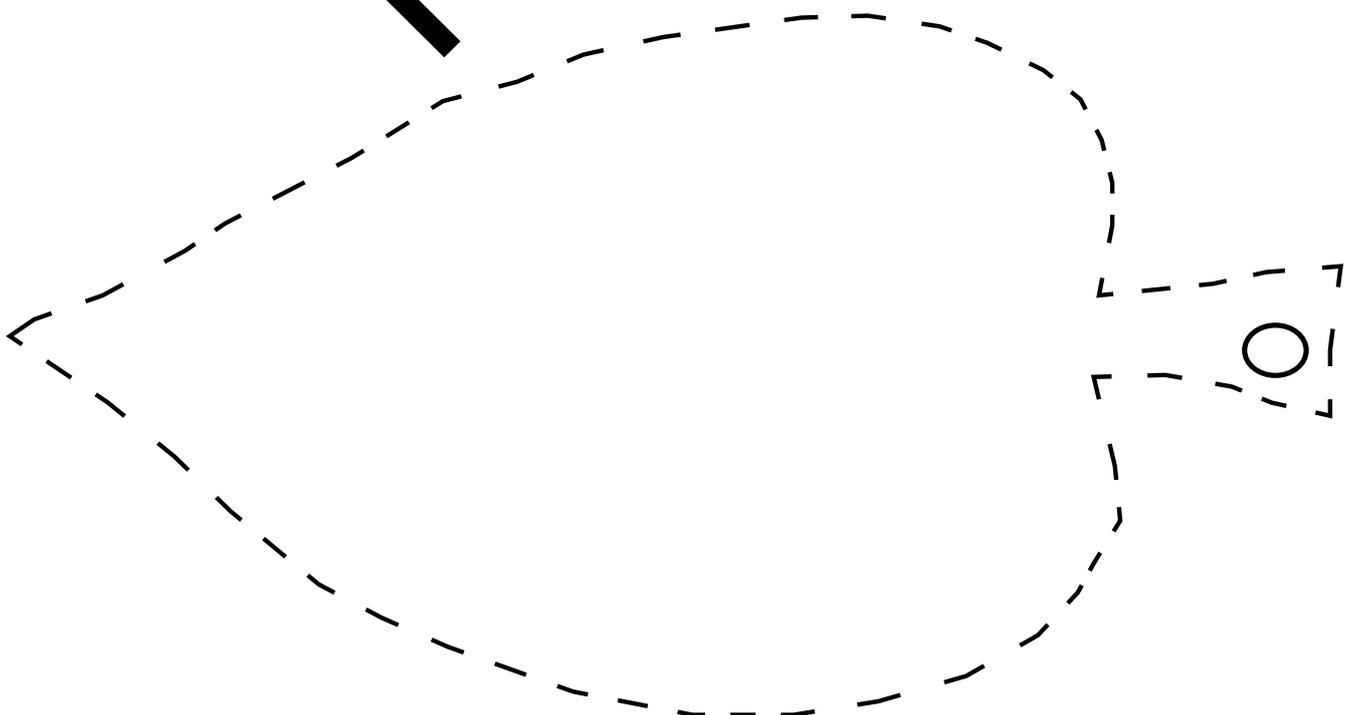


All families are different. All family structures should be valued.

- Inside the leaf:
1. Draw the people in your mother's or father's family.
  2. Write who they are.
  3. Label the type of family structure that he/she belonged to.
  4. Cut out the leaf and write your name on the back of the leaf.



- Inside the leaf:
1. Draw the people in your grandmother's or grandfather's family.
  2. Repeat steps 2-4 above.

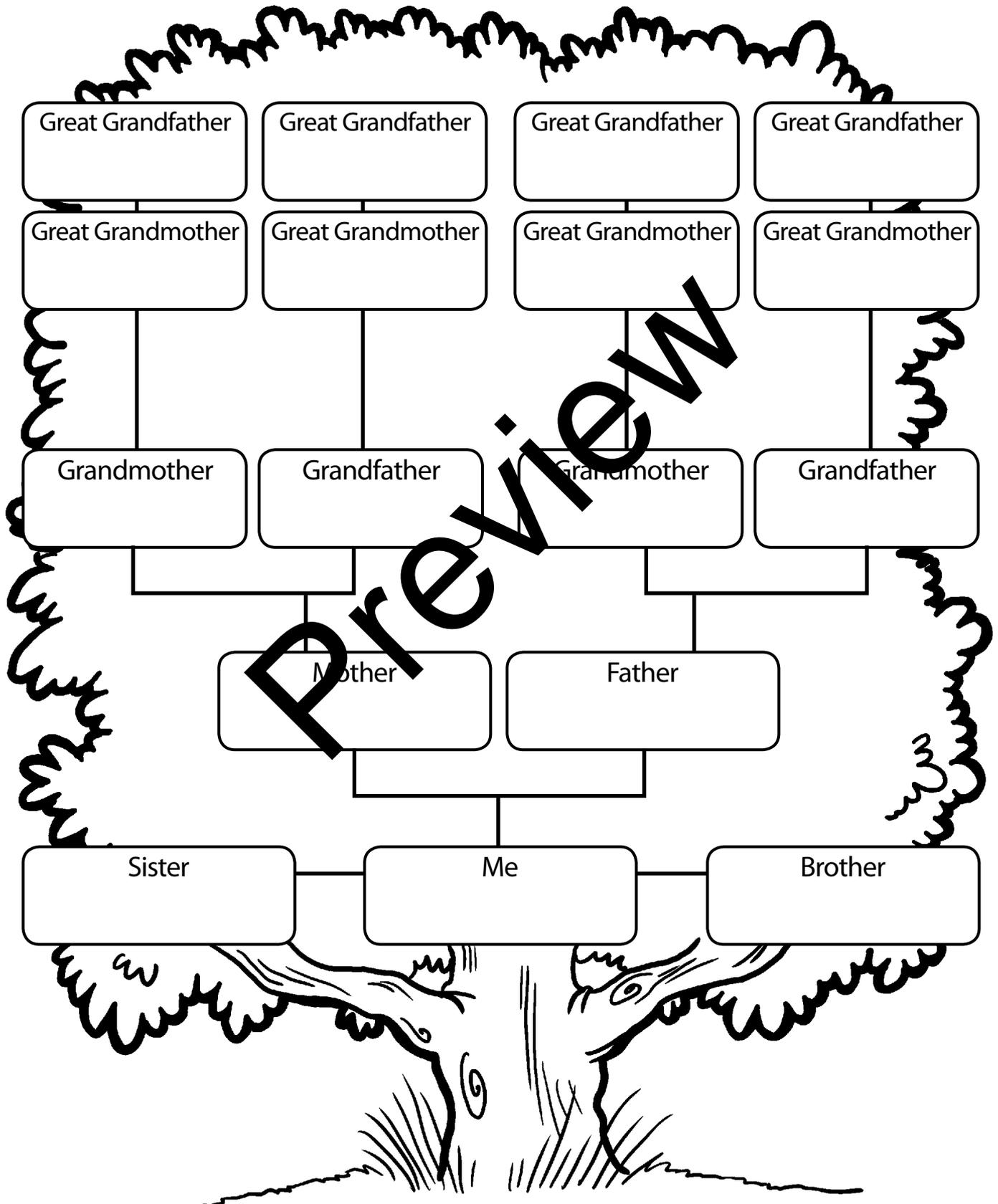


## Activity

# My Family Tree

A family tree can be used to record your family's structure.

- Complete the family tree using pictures and words. Colour the tree.



### **Family Structure Tree 1 (Page 6)**

To create a class family structure tree, you will need to find a dead branch and put it in a colourful pot filled with soil. Once each student has cut out his/her leaf, he/she can tie a loop of string to the end and hook it on a section of the branch. Alternatively, you can cut a trunk and branches out of brown construction paper and stick the leaves to it to create a wall display. Photocopy the leaf outline onto different coloured bits of paper to create a more visually stunning tree.

### **Family Structure Tree 2 (Page 7)**

Use this tree to compare common family structures in the past and present. You may find that the nuclear family was more common in the past than it is in the present. You may also find that families today contain fewer children. Discuss the results.

### **My Family Tree (Page 8)**

#### Introducing the Worksheet

Tell students that they may not be able to fill in every box and might need to add their own boxes to the tree.

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