# THE FAMILY TREE CHALLENGE

Hello dear Explorers!

Are you ready to go on a treasure hunt today?
What? We are locked down you say?

Let me tell you a secret!
*No one can lock down your **heart**, your **imagination**, your **curiosity** or your **kindness**!*

Lets use our magic to find some treasures today !

Today's quest is called the **FAMILY TREE** challenge!

What is a Family Tree?  Well, that is the challenge!

# BEFORE YOU START

Find a quiet place and take some time to read the whole challenge!

Now, make a quick time table for the challenge
*are you going to do it all at once*
*will you set aside some time daily for this*
*will you wait and do it later?*

There is no right answer for this – its your journey!.

As you go through the challenge,
check if you are maintaining the timetable,
or do you change it – add the changes when you do it.

**Now – Get, set….Grow!!** ☺

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If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are

**Step 1:**
**Read this aloud** with your family!

*Families are people who care about you*
*My family is special – your family is too!*

*Mothers and father, sisters and brothers*
*Grandpa's and grandma's and many others*

*One family is big, while another is small*
*some families have pets and others not at all*

*When we are together, or far, far apart*
*my family always stays deep in my heart!*

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# Some possible prompts for Reflection

## Step 2 :

**Think and discuss**
**(** *do share your responses with us – written? Illustrated? A video message? You choose )*

What does the word '**FAMILY**' mean to you?

What makes people a 'family'?

Does everybody's family look the same? Why not?

How many people make up your '**immediate**' family?
( who is staying at home with you on a regular basis )

Who else in your home is '**like**' family?

Who is the one person who **looks** most like you?

Whom **are you most like** – behaviour, food habits, color of eye …any other similarities?

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# Step 3 :

## Action steps – Lets meet the family!

Like the **branches** of a tree that are connected to the tree trunk – family members are connected to each other – lets find how where they fit on the tree and **how many** branches you can fill! – *here is a lovely video to give you ideas for your tree – do watch it!*

1. Do you know what the **relationship** of each member in your family is to you? *For eg- you are the daughter/son of your parents – who are your Mother and Father*
2. Do you have a sibling? A sister or brother ? Where will they fit on the tree?
3. Who is your mother's mother? What is she called? Where will she fit on the tree? Your father's mother?
4. **ACTION** : Find as many relationships that are connected to you and fill up your happy family tree!

# Step 3 :

5. Do you know what to call these relationships in your mother language? Is it not fun to practice all the new words you are learning? *How many do you now know? Make a list!!*
6. **EXTENDED** : how about calling each of these family members and finding out one special thing about them? Maybe their favorite food, or what sport they love playing, or if they like reading, or one memory of you that they have?
7. See if you share the same things! You might find that families have some similar habits! What fun!
8. **THINK** : How about the people that are not 'related' to you – can they also be family? Where will they fit on your tree? What about pets?
9. **CREATE**: as you make your lovely full family tree- do add as many details and pictures as you want!

## Step 4: StoryTime!

- Every family has that **ONE** story or anecdote that is special for them!
- Ask your parents and/or grandparents to share their favorite stories of their times and write/ illustrate it to share with us!
- Make your book colorful with materials of your choice. After all it is your family's treasure !
- **EXTENDED** : Organise a family time and read out the story to everyone!

# About yourself

**30 mins**

1. What was the first thing you thought when you started the challenge?
2. What are you feeling now?
3. How many more family members do you now know?
4. What did you enjoy most while doing this challenge?
5. If you could change one thing about this challenge – what would that be?

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**By the end of the Challenge, you would have practiced the following skills**

Fine Motor Skills through Cutting/Pasting/Colouring/Illustrating, Material Exploration etc.

Language (and Social) Skills through Listening/ Speaking/ Reading/ Writing

Logical Skills, Creative Skills, Thinking Skills

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**Have a great time !**

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