

**WEEK: 5**

**THEME: Who's in my family**

**LETTER: D**

Circle time: calendar, weather, sing songs, read a book, letter of the week, discussion, and craft

	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>BOOK</b>	<u>Herman the Helper</u> By: Robert Kraus	<u>Feast for 10</u> By: Cathryn Falwell	<u>Herman the Helper</u> By: Robert Kraus	<u>One Family</u> By: George Shannon	<u>Herman the Helper</u> By: Robert Kraus
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Who are your family members?	Talk about the different generations	How many people are in your family?	Talk about how families are different	Tell a story about when you were young
<b>CREATIVE ART</b>	FAMILY TREE: Trace and cutout the hand of each family member and glue it to a tree trunk	MAIL A LETTER: Decorate a piece of paper and mail it to a family member	PICTURE FRAME: Glue together popsicle sticks to make a square and decorate it. Tape a family photo to it	MILK JUG HOUSE: Cutout a large door and windows and decorate. Use as a home for toys.	FINGER PUPPETS: Draw or printout small body outlines and have children decorate each "family member". Fasten with strips of paper made into rings. *See link below.

[\\*http://pinkheartstring.com/2013/09/28/diy-craft-finger-family-puppets/](http://pinkheartstring.com/2013/09/28/diy-craft-finger-family-puppets/)

**HOW TO REINFORCE THE THEME**

*Free play:* play with your finger puppets to the Finger Family Song (search YouTube), go through an old photo album of yours and talk about your family members, build a town out of legos, take care of baby dolls, give them a bath, feed them, dress them and change their diapers

*Math and Science :* Recognize different sounds we hear around the house: doorbell, telephone, washing machine, etc., make a recipe together and count out and measure the ingredients, make people/family members out of playdough, create a wall growth chart that represents all family members. Predict how tall you'll be in a week/month. See how much you've grown!

*Outdoor time :* go for a family walk around the neighborhood, have a family running race, play follow the leader, imitate or copy the things that you do and then switch and you become the leader, create an outdoor "house keeping" space with old hats, gloves, shoes, luggage, etc. for you children to pretend that they are you!

