

## Family Faces: Looking at Photos and Socializing

### Instructions:

1. Gather pictures of family members your baby knows well. Include family pets if you like!
2. Glue the pictures to heavy paper. Put each picture inside a bag and zip it shut.
3. Put the pictures in a bucket. Encourage your baby to pull out a picture. Look at the picture with her/him and the person in it.
4. Encourage your baby to pull out another one. Name that family member and talk about him/her if your baby is interested.
5. Continue until you have looked at all the pictures or she/he loses interest.

### Materials:

- Photos of family members
- Heavy paper, cut to fit inside zip-top bags,
- Glue
- Zip-top bags
- Small bucket or container
- Stapler and tape (optional)
- Book or magazine with pictures of baby faces

### How to the extend activity:

- Gather pictures of family members your baby does not see very often.
- Tell her who they are and talk about them. This helps her get to know and remember people who are important to you, just like talking to them on the phone or video calling.
- Make a book by attaching the zip-top bags with tape over each side. Change out the pictures as often as you like by opening the zipped side of the bag.



### What they learn:

**Social-emotional:** Your baby is interested in looking at people that she recognizes. If the faces in the pictures are smiling, she will most likely smile back in response. At this age, your baby may try to talk to or touch the people in the pictures- just as she would if they were present. She is learning that pictures represent things that aren't there.

**Cognitive:** When your baby sees your pictures, she may look at it, then at you, and then back at the picture. She is trying to figure out how you can be in both places.