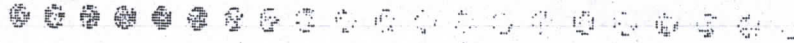


Family Pictures

TOOLS FOR TEACHING TOLERANCE

Children use sponges and paint to make portraits of their families.



Objective ❖ To develop a sense of belonging by identifying one's place in one's family

Materials ❖ Compression sponge paper ■
❖ Paint
❖ Felt tip markers
❖ Large sheets of paper

Procedure

1. Prepare for this activity by cutting the compression sponge paper into people shapes. Cut the shapes of adults and children. When you have finished cutting the shapes, put the shapes in water to expand them into thick sponges. (You may need to practice this process with one shape to learn how to cut the sponge paper so that the shapes are recognizable when the sponges have expanded.) Make several sets of these people shapes.
2. Distribute paper to each child. Have the children dip the sponges in paint and press them on their own paper to represent the members of their families.
3. Now identify family members and help to the children to write names under each figure.

TIP!

Give your children an extra challenge by asking each to write, or perhaps dictate, a story about their families. They might also learn a lot from drawing and discussing pictures of animal families.

Reflection ❖ What do you like about your family?
❖ How does it feel to be part of a family?
❖ Does everyone in a family always live in the same house?