

# BABY STEPS

BIRTH TO 16  
MONTHS



## MY FAMILY

### MATERIALS:

- PHOTOS OF PEOPLE IN BABY'S FAMILY

### OBJECTIVES:

- DEVELOP AWARENESS OF FAMILIAL ROLES (SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)
- NURTURE FAMILIAL BONDS WITH IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN BABY'S LIFE (EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT)
- LANGUAGE: FAMILIAL ROLES

### INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR THIS ACTIVITY YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON THE FLOOR IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, OR VERY NEAR TO BABY'S EYE LEVEL SO THEY FEEL CLOSE AND CONNECTED.

- GATHER PHOTOS OF IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF BABY'S FAMILY. FIVE TO TEN PHOTOS OF FAMILY MEMBERS WILL WORK WELL TO KEEP BABY'S ATTENTION. TRY TO FIND PHOTOS OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH BABY IF POSSIBLE, BUT THIS IS NOT NECESSARY.
- SIT DOWN ON THE FLOOR AT BABY'S EYE LEVEL. HOLD UP EACH PHOTO AND SAY "YOU HAVE A 'GRANDMA.' THIS IS YOUR 'GRANDMA' (OR WHATEVER NAME BABY WILL USE TO REFER TO THE FAMILY MEMBER)." "YOUR 'GRANDMA' LOVES YOU."
- TRY TO DESCRIBE THE FAMILY MEMBER, OR SOMETHING IN THE PHOTO, SUCH AS "YOUR GRANDMA LOVES TO SING YOU SONGS." OR "DO YOU SEE THE DOG NEXT TO YOUR COUSIN {INSERT NAME}?"
- GO THROUGH THE NAME AND PHOTO OF EACH FAMILY MEMBER.
- ALLOW BABY TO HOLD THE PHOTO (IF THEY CAN DO SO SAFELY) AND EXAMINE IT AS LONG AS THEY'D LIKE.

We'd love to see photos of your at home learning! Tag us on Facebook and Instagram with hashtag #MeritSchoolAtHome

