

PREP + JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

3 TO 5
YEARS
TRADITIONAL

MY FAMILY TREE

MATERIALS:

- WHITE CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- BROWN WASHABLE, NON-TOXIC PAINT
- GREEN WASHABLE, NON-TOXIC PAINT
- NON-TOXIC SCHOOL GLUE
- PHOTOS OF FAMILY MEMBERS YOUR CHILD CAN CUT OUT. BE SURE TO INCLUDE A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD THEMSELF

OBJECTIVES:

- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: UNDERSTANDING OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILIAL ROLES IN RELATION TO SELF
- EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT: UNDERSTANDING FAMILIES ARE DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE
- EXPLORE CREATIVE ARTS
- LANGUAGE: FAMILIAL ROLES IN RELATION TO SELF

INSTRUCTIONS:

- PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH PHOTOS OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS (AND SELF) AND ASK THEM TO CUT THEM OUT (IF THERE ARE MANY FAMILY MEMBERS, CUTTING OUT JUST THEIR FACES WILL HELP WITH SPACE FOR THIS PROJECT)
- TELL YOUR CHILD THEY GET TO MAKE THEIR VERY OWN FAMILY TREE, THAT REPRESENTS THEIR SPECIAL AND UNIQUE FAMILY. NO ONE ELSE IN THE WORLD HAS THE EXACT SAME FAMILY TREE AS THEM!
- PAINT (OR ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PAINT) ABOUT HALFWAY UP THEIR FOREARM, STARTING AT THE WRIST, WITH BROWN PAINT (THIS WILL BE THE TREE TRUNK!)
- PAINT (OR ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PAINT THEIR HANDS AND FINGERS WITH GREEN PAINT (*YOU CAN ALSO TRY FALL COLORS OR ANY OTHER COLOR YOUR CHILD LIKES!)), THIS WILL BE THE TOP OF THE TREE AND LEAVES
- LAY ARM AND HAND DOWN FLAT ON WHITE PAPER SO PAINTED ARM MAKES A "STAMP" ON THE PAPER, WITH THE BROWN ARM AS THE BASE OF THE TREE AND THE HAND AND FINGERS AS THE TOP OF THE TREE.
- ALLOW PAINT TO DRY ALMOST COMPLETELY. MOST WASHABLE PAINTS DRY RELATIVELY FAST, SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG!
- ONCE THE PAINT IS ALMOST DRY, EXPLAIN TO YOUR CHILD THAT THEY ARE THE CENTER OF THEIR OWN FAMILY TREE, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO GLUE THEIR OWN PHOTO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TREE.
- NEXT, PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR CUT OUT FAMILY MEMBERS AND GLUE AND ASK THEM TO GLUE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THEIR TREE.
- DON'T WORRY IF THEIR VERSION OF THEIR FAMILY TREE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A TRADITIONAL "FAMILY TREE." THIS IS ABOUT HOW THEY SEE THEIR FAMILY AND EXPRESSING THEIR OWN CREATIVITY!
- AS THEY GLUE, TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THEIR FAMILY AND EACH SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, LIKE "AUNT KAREN IS MOMMY'S SISTER," OR "YOUR SISTER IS ALSO MOMMY'S DAUGHTER, LIKE YOU!" (OR WHATEVER SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE IN YOUR CHILD'S FAMILY)

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