

• Family Tree

Levels: Preschool, Primary and above.

Materials Needed:

Large (12 x 18") sheets of green construction paper (allow 1-2 sheets per student. Pre-cut into a wide bushy shapes (using whole sheet). →

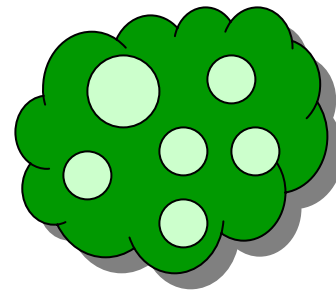
Photocopies in color or black & white of pictures from each family: parents or guardian, children, grandparents, cousins/aunts, uncles that they see often, etc. (Suggest about 4-6 photos per child. Bring to class in envelope with child's name on top.)

Plastic round tops from smaller containers, plastic glasses, or any item that can be used to trace circles (1 ½ -2" in diameter, graduated sizes).

Pencils, blunt scissors, paste, glue or glue sticks.

Sheet of small 1-1 ½" wide white stickers

Mary T. -cousin



Procedure: (Note: It would be good to have 1-2 teen or parent helpers for this project)

1. *Part 1:* Clusters of branches. (You will need a large wall for the completed project.)
Select the best pictures of your family and see what fits best on your green bushy paper.
2. Select a glass or round tops to place on the pictures so that a circle can be made around the person or persons' pictures. Draw circles and cut away the background that is not needed. Older students could cut out red apples instead of circles and paste pictures on the apples.
3. Place the pictures where you want them on the paper (you can also use a light pencil to make the circles so you will know where to paste the pictures).
4. Glue or paste the pictures on your "bush." Have children (or parents) identify family members on pictures, and have an adult print the names or relationship on the stickers below their pictures.
5. Tape the green "bushes" on the wall (or use double-stick tape or velcro and stick on a large sheet. Place them at the top (allowing space at the bottom half for a trunk and roots that will be added in session 4).
Shape the top area to look like the branches of leaves on a tree to see all the clusters of families that the students represent.
6. *Part 2:* Tree Trunk
Cut out photos from parish albums or take pictures of parish organizations: women's and men's clubs, church school, teen group, choir, priest and servers, parish council, etc. Complete the tree by adding trunk and roots, with pictures of the "Parish Family." Use strips of brown or black crepe paper coming down from the branches. You can also extend "beneath" the ground the "roots" with some of the parish leaders from previous generations.
7. **Level 1-2**—Make an expanded family tree, adding brief stories or anecdotes about grandparents, godparents, other family members (e.g., nicknames, happenings, funny or important moments or events, "remember when" stories).
8. (Cf. **Family Memories Album— "Remember When..."**)

