

# BECKER'S

## Talking Points All Kinds of Families Puzzle Set



This resource supports the  
All Kinds of Families Puzzle Set [Item #BSS215616](#)

This puzzle set was intentionally created to introduce young children to diverse family structures, families just like theirs and families quite different from their own. While families may look different, do different things, eat different food, use different names and wear different clothes, they have many things in common.

It is critical that the materials in our classrooms represent the children who spend their time in our learning environments. Children should see themselves and their experiences mirrored in the books, instructional materials, toys and photos found on the shelves and walls around the classroom. This helps to promote the message that each child is a valued member of the community.

### **Some Key Ideas When Talking with Children about All Kinds of Families**

- Families come in all shapes and sizes, colors and numbers.
- Families aren't limited to the people who live with you in your home.
- Families might look different and do different things that make them unique but families have many things in common.
- Extended family members can have important roles in a family even if they live apart from us.
- Being a part of a family can give children a sense of belonging.
- Families share everyday activities with each other.
- Families make memories together. We all have our own family stories.
- Relationships can change within families.
- Having different kinds of families makes the world an interesting place.
- All family types need to be respected and equally appreciated, including single parent families, same-sex parents, blended families and families with mixed race, religion and ethnicity.

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I scream! You scream! We all scream for ice cream!

Going out for a favorite treat like ice cream can be a fun adventure. Sharing ice cream is putting a smile on everyone's face.

What's your favorite flavor? Who else in your family likes that flavor? What other fun foods do you like to share with your mom?

Some families have different hair color, different skin color. Some families have two moms. How many moms do you have?



This family is smiling and looks happy as they join their hands for one big hug.

Do you notice that everyone is wearing eyeglasses?

It looks like they all have the same hair color. I wonder what other things they have in common?

Some children have one parent in their family.

How many parents do you have?



Birthdays are fun ways that families celebrate together.

Can you guess whose birthday they are celebrating?

I see one candle on the cake. How many candles would be on your birthday cake?

It looks like the older brother is trying to blow out the candle.

I wonder if the family sang Happy Birthday together.

Singing with your family can be fun. What songs do you like to sing with your family?



Extended families might include grandparents.

This extended family is spending time together outside.

What activities are your favorites to do outside with your family?

What is your favorite thing to do with your grandparents?

I wonder if this extended family all live together.

How many people live in your house?

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This family is having their dinner outside on their deck.  
I wonder what other meals they eat outside.  
Do you ever eat outside with your family?  
Do you help your parents cook meals?  
What kind of food does your family like to cook together?  
Some families have two dads. How many dads are in your family?



Some families go grocery shopping together.  
Where does your family go to buy groceries?  
It looks like this family is buying some carrots and placing them in the bag. What other vegetables do you think they bought?  
What's your favorite vegetable to eat? What vegetables does your family eat for dinner?  
What vegetables do you like to eat as a snack?



Sometimes family members look different with different colored hair or eyes or skin color. How do you look different or the same as the people in your family?  
This family of five has a mom, a dad, two brothers and a sister. How many people are in your family?  
Do the people in this family look happy? How can you tell? What are some things that you do with your family that make you feel happy?



Some families like to read together.  
This family might be reading one of their favorite stories.  
What stories do you read with your family?  
Do you read before you go to bed at night?  
In some families, grandparents take care of the children.  
Do your grandparents read stories to you and your siblings?

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