

Here are some activities to explore as a family to follow up on today's Sunday school lesson. Enjoy!

Coloring Sheets

The **first** coloring sheet is simple enough for young children. Some things to think about together:

- What place in the world would you most like to visit? What do you think the people there would be like? What would they think of you? How could you treat them like family even though you don't know them?
- Think of a person who is very different from you (appearance, speech, things they are good or not so good at, etc.). How does it feel to think of that person as your brother or sister?

The **second** coloring sheet is more appropriate for children with developed coloring skills, but can be used with younger children as well, especially as a discussion aid. It was developed by a Zimbabwe-born author and public speaker, Taku Mbudzi, whose work celebrates cultural diversity and harmony. You can ask your child to:

- count the characters
- name the characters
- describe the characters
- notice similarities and differences
- make up short stories about the characters

Family Acrostic Poem (Nope, it doesn't have to rhyme!)

An acrostic poem uses each letter of a particular word, in this case "family," as the beginning of a sentence or phrase that describes the word or says something meaningful about it. For example:

Forgives us when we make mistakes

Always there to count on

Makes memories together

Inspires us with encouragement

Loves unconditionally

Yours, always

You can also choose to form the phrases or sentences around each letter:

Who will com**F**ort me when things are hard?

Who **A**lways takes the time to care?

Who **M**akes treasured memories together?

What will st**I**ck together through thick and thin?

Where is **L**ove at home?

Where will **Y**ou always belong?

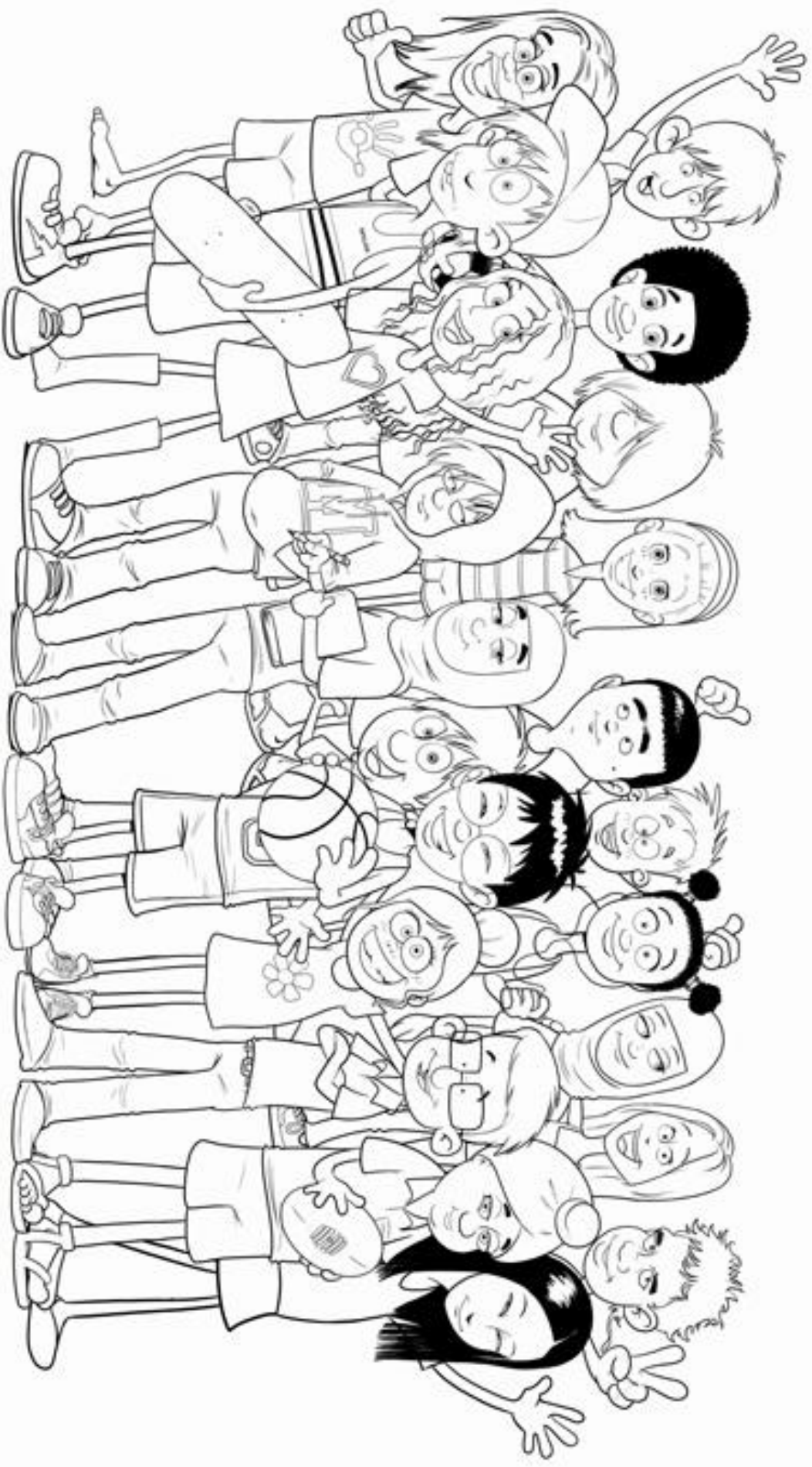
- Four templates are provided, or you can make your own design. Younger children might want to draw a picture for each letter, so you might consider using quarter-sheets of paper to give them room to draw, then tape together or hang vertically to spell out “family.”
- As you work together talk about the sentences or phrases you think of for each letter.
- How can you include your brothers and sisters in Christ in your sentences or phrases? Think of ways you may have done this in the past. How will you look for new ways to do this?



BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN GOD'S BIG FAMILY

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 13:1





F

A

M

I

L

Y

F

A

M

I

L

Y

F

A

M

I

L

Y