

Importance of Families 1: Family Functions and Forms

Summary

This lesson is the first in the series of lessons entitled "The Importance of a Family". In this lesson we will discuss: family forms and strengths, and family traditions.

Time Frame

1 class periods of 45 minutes each

Group Size

Individual

Life Skills

Communication

Materials

Unit packet (See Attachments)

PowerPoint on family forms and strengths (See Attachments)

Background for Teachers

Review unit packet and become familiar with the activities. Review Power point. Review objective in TL curriculum.

Student Prior Knowledge

Students will relate their personal experiences within their families to the activities and concepts covered in the lesson.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Students will relate conclusions drawn from classroom discussions and activities that will enhance interactions with their families.

Instructional Procedures

Introduction:

Briefly discuss the topics that will be covered in the Family Relationships unit. Handout the unit packet.

Review the homework assignment:

"How well do you know your parents?" Share your experience with doing this recently with your parents OR discuss the questions as they might relate to your parents. Explain that they need to complete this assignment at home before the class meets again.

Activity:

Show and discuss Power Point: "Family Forms and Strengths", which highlights secrets of building a strong family. As you progress through the slides, discuss with class how each form differs and might contribute to strength within a family.

Activity:

Have students turn to the page in the packet: "Family Traditions". Direct each student to list three family traditions that they cherish the most. Discuss as a class some of the students' favorite family traditions.

Have the students answer the questions at the bottom of the "Family Traditions" page. Discuss and put away folders.

Conclusion:

Review and ask for questions on topics covered relating to family forms, strengths, and traditions.
Review/remind of homework assignment.

Strategies for Diverse Learners

Adapt lesson so special needs students are participating according to their ability level.

Extensions

Give extended learning opportunities to gifted students such as: in depth research on a family form of their choice, family traditions from other countries, or from the countries of their ancestors.

Bibliography

Power point "Family Forms and Strength", Unit packet

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