

Making Connections – A Family Picture



Everyone at the visiting table can enjoy this activity and it is a great way to do something together. Children come to spend time with you and to be part of a family unit. Time in the visiting area is precious and a place where cherished moments can be had by all.

Each member at the table takes a different colour pencil crayon.

Who goes first?

- It can be the youngest child the first time, the middle child the next time, etc. or
- The adult chooses at random who goes first or
- One adult picks a number between one and ten and writes it down on the back of the paper. Others guess and the closest one to the number, without going over, goes first.

What to do:

After you know who is first, the turns move around in a circle, beginning with the person to the right of the first person. The idea is that you all add to a family drawing. You can draw just yourself or add to the drawing of each other. Let's say you want to all draw each other – say Sue draws a green round head for herself on the paper. Rohan adds to that shape with his coloured pencil (giving Sue blue hair). Ira draws a red body to begin drawing herself. On and on you go until each person has a few turns. Eventually you will have a family picture in many colours and you can easily see what one person added by looking at their colour of pencil crayon. You can draw a nice portrait, funny monsters, or a scene everyone has contributed to. It is your family picture.

