Family

A Family is a Family by Sara O’Leary

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all. One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One is full of stepsiblings, and another has a new baby.

Alexander, Who’s Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move by Judith Viorst

Angry Alexander refuses to move away if it means having to leave his favorite friends and special places.

All Families Are Special by Norma Simon

Students in Mrs. Mack’s class describe their families--big or small, living together or apart, with two moms or none--and learn why every family is special and important.

All Kinds of Families by Norma Simon

Explores in words and pictures what a family is and how families vary in makeup and lifestyles.

Baby’s Catalogue by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Babies, their families, and familiar objects and activities are depicted in whimsical drawings which present the daily routines of the lives of babies and their parents. Includes some vocabulary words.

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

What happens when Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub?

Could Be Worse! by James Stevenson

Everything is always the same at Grandpa’s house, even the things he says--until one unusual morning.

Dr Zargle’s Book of Earth Relations by Jennie Willis

Dr Xargle is teaching his class of young aliens all about Earthlets and their families. ‘They have identical earflaps and hoover shapes,’ he tells them.

Eight Cousins by Louisa May Alcott

Orphaned Rose Campbell finds it difficult to fit in when she goes to live with her six aunts and seven mischievous boy cousins.

Family Tree: Stories About the Family by Miriam Hodgson

A collection of stories about very different families by ten notable authors.

Fractures: Family Stories by Budge Wilson

Twelve unforgettable stories about ordinary kids dealing with difficult issues -- sibling rivalry, alcoholism, illness, child abuse and neglect -- told with vibrancy and rich detail.

Glass Tears by Jane Jolly

Tian and her family make a special glass bouquet to place on their father’s grave. Some years before, he had left Vietnam on a ship bound for wider, browner lands, but never came home. As Tian threads the tiny glass beads onto wire stems she remembers her father and sheds for him a glass tear.
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Hannah Plus One by Libby Gleeson
When Hannah learns her mum is expecting another baby, she is convinced it will be another set of twins, leaving her as the odd one out. But Hannah has her pretend friend Megan to talk to and together they get into all sorts of mischief.

Heather Has Two Mommies by Lesléa Newman
When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

Moonlight by Jan Ormerod
As her parents attempt to help a child fall asleep at bedtime, they themselves become more and more sleepy.

Mud Family by Betsy James
With her family upset because of the lack of rain and a dying corn crop, Sosi, a young Anasazi girl, runs away and creates a mud doll family in which there is no arguing.

On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Laura and her family find a new home in Walnut Grove, Minnesota, where the nearby creek and swimming hole lure Laura with dangerous, yet thrilling adventures. Too soon, their life is threatened when prairie fires and other strange events jeopardize their crops.

Orphan At My Door : The Home Child Diary of Victoria Cope by Jean Little
Victoria's family needs help because of her mother's illness, so they invite Marianna, an orphan from Britain to live with them. Soon they realize that Marianna needs help too.

Seven Little Australians by Ethel Turner
Without doubt Judy was the worst of the seven, probably because she was the cleverest. Her father, Captain Woolcot, found his vivacious, cheeky daughter impossible - but seven children were really too much for him and most of the time they ran wild at their rambling riverside home, Misrule. Step inside and meet them all - dreamy Meg, and Pip, daring Judy, naughty Bunty, Nell, Baby and the youngest, the General. Come and share in their lives, their laughter and their tears.

Travels for Two : Stories and Lies From My Childhood by Stéphane Poulin
A vacation for two is won in a contest but causes the narrator's family of ten great dismay until a plan is devised.

When My Naughty Little Sister Was Good by Dorothy Edwards
The narrator's naughty little sister is very bad, but sometimes she can be good. She helps Grannie make a Christmas pudding, and she even teaches Bad Harry to be good so that he's allowed to wear his new red coat! Even mischievous little sisters can be good sometimes.

Why Couldn't I be an Only Kid Like You, Wigger by Barbara Shook Hazen
Two young boys, one from a large family and the other an only child, wish they could exchange places.

Who is Sleeping in Aunty's Bed? by Kathy Stinson
Family members hop from bed to bed in search of a good night's sleep, but Aunty's house is just too full of snoring, wriggling, singing and blanket hogging to sleep.