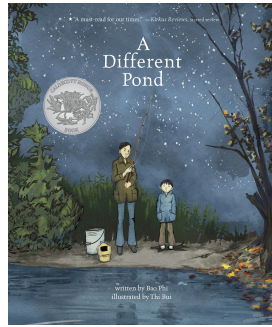


## Beginner Activity

### ***A Different Pond***



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#### ***Essential Question for Consideration:***

- ***What is the role of family?***

#### **Overview:**

In this lesson, participants will examine the different roles that family has in our lives. Participants will also reflect on personal memories of their family to determine what role their family played for them in that moment.

#### **Materials:**

- Pen or pencil
- Paper
- *Family Memory & Their Roles Worksheet\** **(See below lesson plan)**

#### **Additional Materials:**

- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers

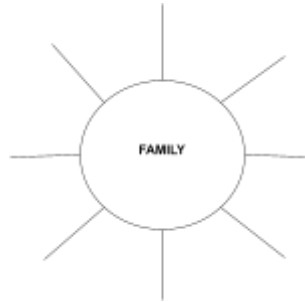
**\*If there is no access to a printer, view the resources online and complete the tasks orally or written on a separate piece of paper.**

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**\*\* Please be sensitive to the fact that all participants may not have traditional family situations. Contact with parents/guardians ahead of time is encouraged for younger audiences. Broad definitions of family are also encouraged to be used with this activity.\*\***

- 1.) Ask the participant to list any words or ideas that describe what the role of family is in our lives. (*What do families do for each other?*) List the answers in a spider diagram (**See example below**)



- 2.) Encourage the participant to share their responses.
- 3.) Give the participant the *Family Memory & Their Roles Worksheet*.
- 4.) Explain to the participant that they should write or draw about a memory they have with a family member. ***Encourage the participant to spend a lot of time on this either through writing or drawing.***

**ONLY COMPLETE PART I OF THIS WORKSHEET.** The participant will return to **PART II** after reading the story *A Different Pond*.

- 5.) Encourage the participant to share their drawings or written responses about a family memory.
- 6.) Explain to the participant that they will be reading a story about family and memories called *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi. As the participant reads/listens to the story, have them find examples of the different roles the family plays in the story.
- 7.) Read/Listen to *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi.
- 8.) Have the participant share a page that they feel shows something about the role of family. Then, have the participant explain what they see and why they feel each page explains the role of family best.
- 9.) Next, have the participant return to **PART II** of the *Family Memory and Their Roles Worksheet*.
- 10.) Have the participant write or draw about the role their family played in this memory and explain why it is important to them. Encourage the participant to look at the opening spider diagram activity outlining the different roles family plays in our lives if necessary.
- 11.) Have the participant share their completed reflections with a teacher, parent, or another participant.

## **Family Memory & Their Roles**

### Worksheet

#### **PART I**

**Directions:** Write or draw about a special memory you have with a family member in the space below.

#### **PART II**

Directions: Looking at your memory above, what role did your family play for you in that moment? Why is this memory important? Write or draw your answer below.