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Spring Celebration for All Families

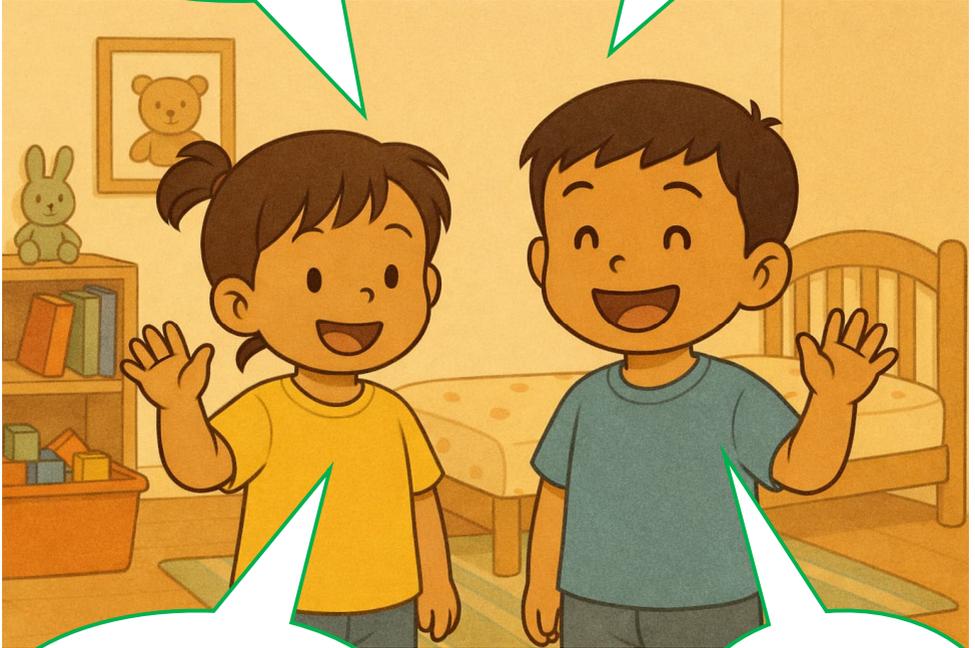


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Hi, I'm Anna-Mai, and this is my brother Teo!

Today is a special day. We're having a spring celebration at our kindergarten.



What kinds of families are coming to the spring celebration?

Come with us and see!

There are many ways to be a family. What matters the most is that the people in a family care for and look after each others.

The Pham family is a **nuclear** family. It consists of the parents and their two children, Anna-Mai and Teo.

Yesterday at kindergarten, we talked about different families. I said that in our family we have Mom, Dad, and Teo.

Yes, we are so called nuclear family. It is one way of being a family. But nuclear families can be different too.



Yes, I heard that not all my friends have the same kind of family as we do.

The Al-Hakim family is a single-parent family. The family includes the mother, the older sister Amira, five-year-old Medina, and three-year-old Amadi.

Mom, yesterday at kindergarten we talked about different kinds of families.

Nice to hear! What did you tell your friends about our family?

I told them that I have a little brother Amadi, a big sister Amira, and a mother.

One friend wondered whether we have a dad. I said that we don't. Mom is enough for us.

That was such a lovely thing to say!



The Hogan family is also a single-parent family. The family consists of the father and his child, Emily.

That's right. It is just you and me. I take care of you.

Yesterday at kindergarten, I told them that there are only two of us in our family.

But some children have a mom and a dad.



There are many kind of families, some big and some small.

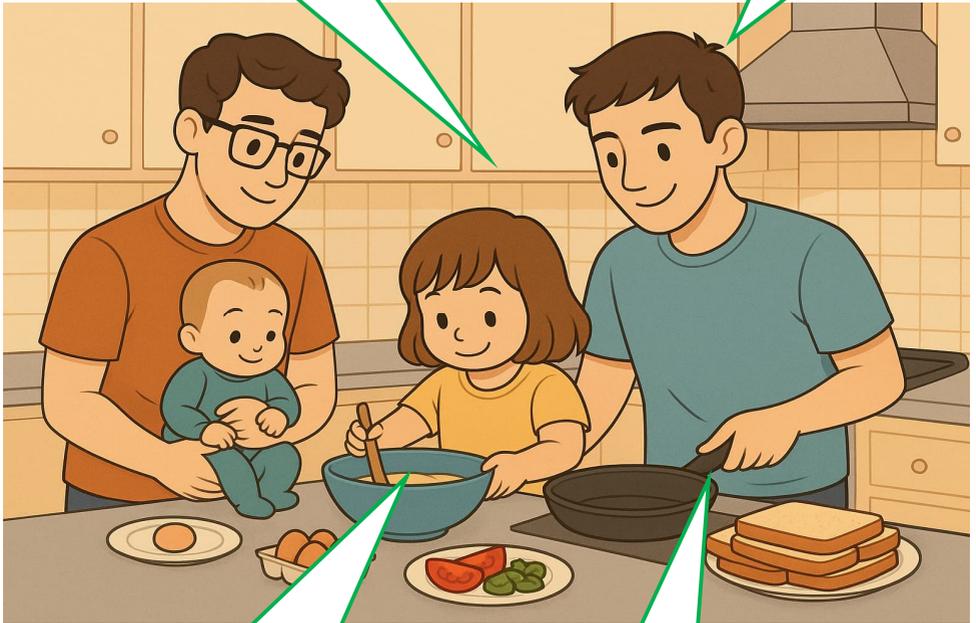
Dad, why isn't Mom coming to the spring celebration?

Mom can't come right now. I know you are disappointed. But I will be there! We will have really nice time. Your hair is all done!

The Ojala family is a rainbow family. It includes the fathers, Matti and Lauri, and their children, Ella and baby Elias.

Yesterday at kindergaretn, I told, that I have a rainbow family.

Exactly, you explained it just the right way!



Lydia also said that her family is a rainbow family. But Lydia has two mothers.

That's so nice to hear. Rainbow families come in many forms as well.

The Sundberg family is a rainbow family. Their family includes two mothers, Ellen and Leena, and their child, Lydia.

Yesterday at kindergarten, I told them that my family includes me, Mommy Lea, and Mommy Elsa.

How nice that you have been talking about different kind of families.



There are so many different families! But why do I have two mothers and no father?

That is just how our family is. Ellen and I love each other, and of course we love you too, Lydia.

The Korhonen–Virtanen family is a blended family. In the family live the mother and the father. The mother has two children, Oscar and Jasper. The father has one child, Benjamin. In addition, the mother and father have a baby together, Nella.

Yesterday at kindergarten we talked about families. I told them that we have a blended family

Yes, and one friend asked me and Jasper if we are really brothers.

What did you answer?

I said that yes, we are, even though we have different parents!



The Rantala family is an adoptive family. The family consists of the parents, their biological child Roope, and their adopted child Eliana.

Eilen päiväkodissa
yksi lapsi kysyi, miksi
minä en ole syntynyt
tähän perheeseen.

You can explain that some
children grow in their
mother's tummy and are
born into their family.
Other children are born
into one family first, but
later get a new home

Exactly! You,
Roope, were born
into our family.
And Eliana, you
came into our
family through
adoption.

We are children
of the same
family, even
though we were
born in different
places.

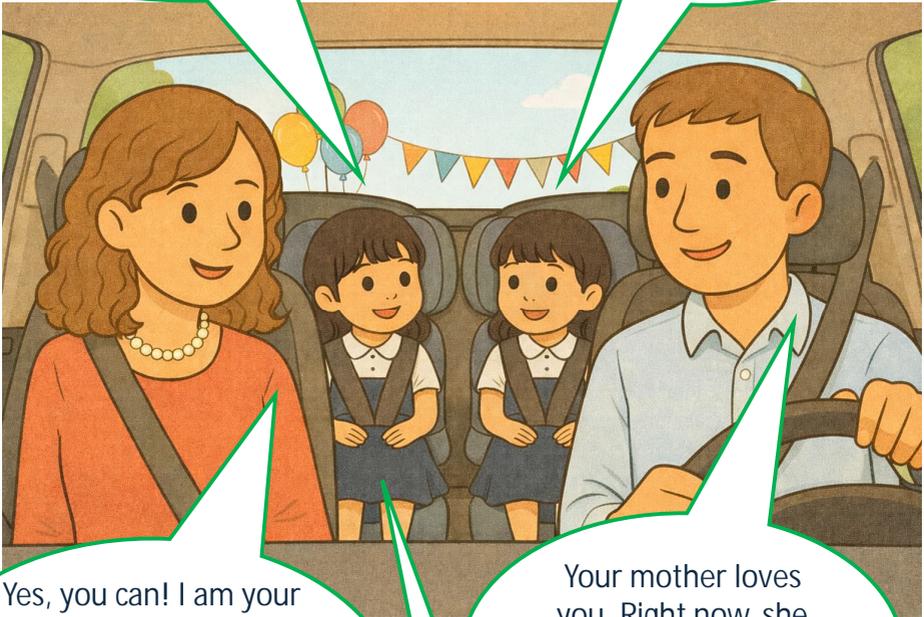
And we are so
happy that you
are part of our
family and our
child, Eliana!



The Pasanen family is a foster family. The family includes the foster parents. They have provided a home for the sisters Jessika and Jannika.

We told at kindergarten that we live with a foster family!

But we also have our own mother, Anna. Is it okay to say that?



Yes, you can! I am your foster mother, and Lauri is your foster father. We take care of you. Your own mother knows about your matters and is part of your life.

Your mother loves you. Right now, she just needs a little rest and time to feel better.

We love our mom, too!



The Korhonen and Virtanen families give the teacher a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a thank-you.



At the spring celebration, the Sundberg and Rantala families chat together. At the same time, they eat cookies and drink juice.



The children of the Ojala and Pasanen families are riding the carousel.



The parents of the Hogan, Al-Hakim and Pham families are getting to know each other. Meanwhile, the children are playing together.



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