



Family Activities

Title: **The Patchwork Quilt**

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Using scraps cut from the family's old clothing, a young girl learns the secret ingredient in her grandma's special quilt of memories. In this episode, LeVar goes to the Boston Children's Museum, where he discovers kids learning to make their own brightly colored patchwork quilts. Then he explores how three generations of an Italian American family work together in their food store making some of the foods (mozzarella cheese and meatballs) that are store specialties.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Sunshine Messages

Spread a little sunshine to someone who is sick or home bound.

You will need:

- white paper plate
- crayons
- hole punch
- yarn or ribbon

Directions:

1. Have your child draw lines on a paper plate to divide it into fourths.
2. Draw a picture in each of the four boxes to illustrate friendship and happy thoughts.
3. Write a message on the back and add a signature.
4. Punch holes around the edge of the plate for your child to thread colorful yarn or ribbon in and out of the holes. Bring together the two ends of yarn or ribbon and tie a bow.

Family Recipes

Does our family enjoy a favorite family recipe that has been handed down from a grandparent? If so, plan to make that recipe this week to celebrate family. If possible, invite the family member for a meal to enjoy the recipe first prepared by them.

If you have a collection of family recipes that are written on recipe cards, why not arrange those cards in a special album? Include a photograph of the person from whom the recipe came. Write personal memories of this person alongside the photo. This will be a wonderful gift to pass on to a future generation of family members.



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Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

The Two of Them by Alik

Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michelle Maria Surat

Being Adopted by Maxine B. Rosenberg