

BROWNIE: MY FAMILY STORY

Hey Girl Scout! Every family has stories. It's good to share them so you know who helped make you who you are. You will do this badge to find out more about the people you love and who love you. When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to tell your family story.

Step 1: Explore family stories

1. There are all kinds of family stories and all kinds of families. As you explore these stories, think about the questions in the following questions. Talk about the answers with the people in your home.
 - a. How are families the same?
 - b. How are they different?
2. Next, ask the people in your home to share a family story that they know.
3. Finally, find a book to read or a movie to watch that is about a family or multiple families. You might need an adult's help with this.

Supplies:

1. A book or movie about families

Step 2: Know where your family is from

1. We're going to think about the different countries, states, or towns your family comes from. Family stories are passed down differently in different cultures. How does your family share its family traditions and history? You can either draw or write about your favorite family tradition or story. Then share with the people in your home.
2. Finally, let's learn about where your family comes from. With an adult's help, find a map of the world on the internet. Ask an adult or other people in your home where members of your family live now and where they lived in the past.

Supplies:

1. Paper and pens/markers
2. Access to the internet/map of the world

Step 3: Make a family tree

1. Knowing who your family members are is only half the fun. Think about a special detail about each person to write on your family tree.
2. For this step, you are going to make a family tree and write fun details about members of your family. You can make your family tree look however you want. It could look like an actual tree, it could be a chart, or it could be something else!

Supplies:

1. Paper
2. Markers/pens

Step 4: Find an object that means something to your family

1. Objects like photos, jewelry, and books can mean a lot. They can be favorite things from old times, things that make people feel special, or things that tell their own stories. You are going to make up stories about the different objects you find in your home.
2. Walk around your home and find interesting heirlooms. Make up a story about where it came from, what its purpose was, and who it belonged to.

Supplies:

1. Heirloom objects found at home

Step 5: Share your family story

1. You've learned amazing stories about your family through these activities. Now it's time to share what you have learned with the people in your home and ask more questions.
2. Get together with the people in your home. Tell them about the activities you have done and show them your family tree. Then ask if they want to share any other family stories with you. Share your favorite family story. Here are some questions you can also ask:
 - a. What is your favorite family vacation?
 - b. What is your favorite family memory?
 - c. Does you know any funny family stories?

Supplies:

1. None