

Five Senses of Gratitude



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Family Objects

Deepening Sensory Awareness and Appreciation:

Family members will explore and identify elements in their daily lives that bring joy and comfort through sight, touch, hearing, smell, and taste. This practice encourages mindfulness and a greater appreciation for the simple pleasures that often go unnoticed.

Encouraging Creative Expression:

Participants will express their gratitude creatively, using art and reflection to represent the sensory experiences they value. This fosters self-expression and allows family members to share their unique perspectives.

Strengthening Family Bonds Through Sharing:

By discussing their sensory appreciations, family members will engage in meaningful conversations, promoting understanding and empathy within the family unit.



Success Milestones

Comprehensive Sensory Reflection:

Each participant identifies and reflects on something they love related to each of the five senses, demonstrating mindfulness and self-awareness.

Creative Articulation of Gratitude:

Family members effectively use drawing or writing to convey their sensory appreciations, showcasing their ability to translate feelings into creative expressions.

Active Participation in Family Sharing

Each participant shares their reflections with the family, contributing to a supportive environment where everyone's experiences are valued.



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Objective:

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Materials Needed:

- A4 paper for each participant
- Coloured pencils, markers, or crayons
- Pencils for tracing

Setup:

1. **Prepare the Space:** Gather the family around a table or in a comfortable area with enough space for each person to work on their artwork.
2. **Distribute Materials:** Provide each family member with a sheet of A4 paper and access to drawing and colouring tools.

Instructions:

1. **Trace Your Hand:** Each participant places their hand on the paper and traces around it with a pencil, creating an outline of their hand.
2. **Assign Senses to Fingers:** Label each finger with one of the five senses:
 - Thumb: Sight
 - Index Finger: Touch
 - Middle Finger: Hearing
 - Ring Finger: Smell
 - Little Finger: Taste
3. **Reflect and Record:** In each labeled finger, write or draw something you love that relates to that sense. For example:
 - **Sight:** A beautiful sunset
 - **Touch:** The softness of a favourite blanket
 - **Hearing:** The sound of laughter
 - **Smell:** Freshly baked bread
 - **Taste:** Sweet strawberries
4. **Connect with Loved Ones:** In the palm area of the handprint, write or draw the name or image of someone you love to share these experiences with, highlighting the social aspect of gratitude.
5. **Decorate:** Encourage participants to embellish their handprints with colours, patterns, or additional drawings that represent their sensory appreciations.
6. **Share and Discuss:** Once everyone has completed their handprint, take turns sharing your reflections. Discuss why these sensory experiences are meaningful and how sharing them with loved ones enhances their significance.



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Reflection Questions:

- What did you notice about your sensory experiences during this activity?
- How do these experiences contribute to your overall happiness?
- In what ways can we incorporate more of these joyful sensory moments into our daily family life?

Additional Notes:

This activity not only fosters individual mindfulness and gratitude but also promotes family bonding through shared experiences and discussions. By recognising and appreciating the sensory elements that bring joy, family members can develop a deeper connection to themselves and each other, enhancing their collective well-being.

