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My Family and Friend's Snapshot

READ:

Photographs help us remember both everyday and important moments. They show our family history. Sometimes people pose for a picture. Other times photos show us in the middle of playing a sport or having fun with friends. How we take photographs has changed over many years as our technology has advanced. Inventors began experimenting with early machines that could take images in the 1800s. These first attempts were expensive and often took a lot of time. Today, many of us can take a picture in seconds using a phone or other mobile device. People used to have to print out their photographs to see them, but now we can save them digitally and see them whenever we want.

DO:

What stories do your photographs tell? **Choose** a photograph of your family or of your friends. (It can be digital or printed.)

- **Imagine** the photograph is divided in half (or cover half with a piece of paper). Use the “What I See” sheet to write down everything you see on one half. Do the same for the second half.
- **Ask** questions about the photograph with an adult at home. Think about who, what, when, where, why questions. Use the bottom of the “What I See?” sheet to write down what you discover about the picture.
- **Pretend** to be statues, re-create the photograph by posing like people in the image.
- **Take** a new picture with your family. Maybe make inspirational signs to hold up and send to family and friends.

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Photograph
- ⇒ What I See Page
- ⇒ Pencil or pen
- ⇒ Drawing materials
- ⇒ Camera (Optional)

SHARE:

- **Post** your old and new photographs on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



Family eating breakfast, ICHi-003102



Kids at a Hot Dog Stand, ICHi-039263

What I See:

Cover up half your photo at a time, and write down in the boxes what you see.

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Questions and Answers (Use this box to take notes while you talk about the photo with an adult).
