



intergenerational

activities

Title

Build a picture family tree on your refrigerator

Season

Any, Indoor activity

Time

45 minutes

Target groups

Elderly
Children from age of 10

Objectives

- To provide you some ideas you can use in making a "Family tree" activity for elderly and young working together.
- Both elderly and young people make their own family tree and show each other that this research is rewarding and fun.

Resources

With thick paper paper, coloured markers, glue, own family photos (printed copies of old photographs), scissors, large, clear glass gems (available at craft stores), transparent-drying glue and large round magnets, the young and old make their own pedigree, their family tree.

Description

The elderly and young people together in small groups or pairs talk about their own family to make their own family tree. Students ask questions about family members, about their life and celebrities.

Instructions:

- Cut a family photo larger than the glass gem
- Put a small drop of transparent glue on the gem's flat side and spread it around with your finger.
- Press the gem onto the photo, centering over the face. Let it dry a while.
- Use your scissors to trim the photo as close to the gem as possible.
- Turn over the gem and glue a magnet to the back of the paper. Let dry.





- Ask students to find and to bring from home (or from their relatives' homes) photos or printed copies of old photographs. This will encourage them to find out more and to learn some interesting stories from relatives as well.
- Bring some photo albums with pictures of the town and its most well known sights.
- Discuss with elderly and children why they think families are important and what they like about their families. Ask children to think and tell to the elderly about special contributions each family member makes to the family.
- The best time to learn valuable family history and take group family pictures is during family reunions. While chatting with family members, other family members may provoke other family members to remember cute stories. Take every opportunity to take a family picture at reunions because they will be cherished when some family members are not with you anymore.