



*Fostering Inclusion*

# HOME-THE PLACE I LIVE

# GUIDELINES

## What?

Diverse family structures are more common, and children will ask questions about non-traditional families. It is important to find simple ways to teach children about diverse families. The place they live and the space and people the child shares with are important elements in a child's life.

It is important that the child understands the family and family of others before they step out.

Social **studies** (as civics, history, and geography) deals with human relationships and the way society works.

## Why?

The main objective of teaching social studies is to make the child understand about the diversity and differences present in the society. This begins from the situation they live in and the situation the peer group grows up in will be different. This has to be addressed from the beginning.

This enables children to understand, participate in, and make informed decisions about their world.

It provides them with skills for productive problem solving and decision making as well as for assessing issues and making thoughtful value judgments

## How?

Teach through stories and by introducing each member of the family, or caretakers the child lives with.

Introduce the neighborhood and people who live immediately next door and the relationship with the family they have.

# Teaching Instructions

1. Introduce the child to unit and joint families.
2. Very subtly introduce that some children might have both or single parents.
3. Also introduce the fact that there are gay parents which is becoming the current norm.

Do you know where you live?

Do you remember your address?



That's really nice! Yes, that is your home.

Home is a place where you feel safe.

You have a mother or a father or both of them and grandparents to care for you. Can you tell their names?



People who stay with you and the people who take care of you make your family.

Let us look at families through the eyes of Aarav, Anu, Amitha, Ahana, Anju, Akhil, Kabir, Kichu and Karina.

Can you remember their names? It is going to be fun visiting their homes! :)

Ready to learn?

Aarav lives with his mother. This is Aarav's Family.





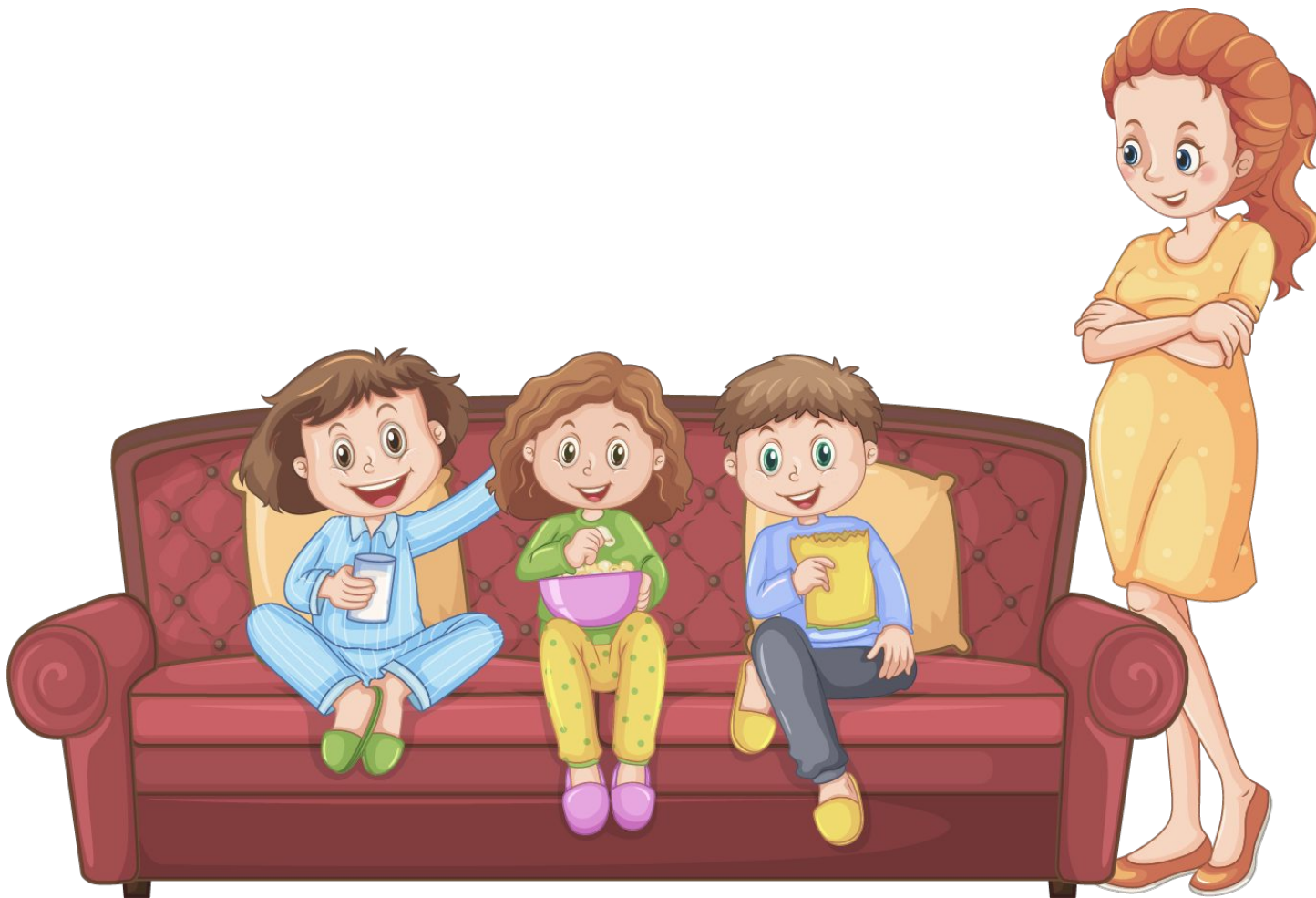
Anu lives with her father. This is Anu's Family.



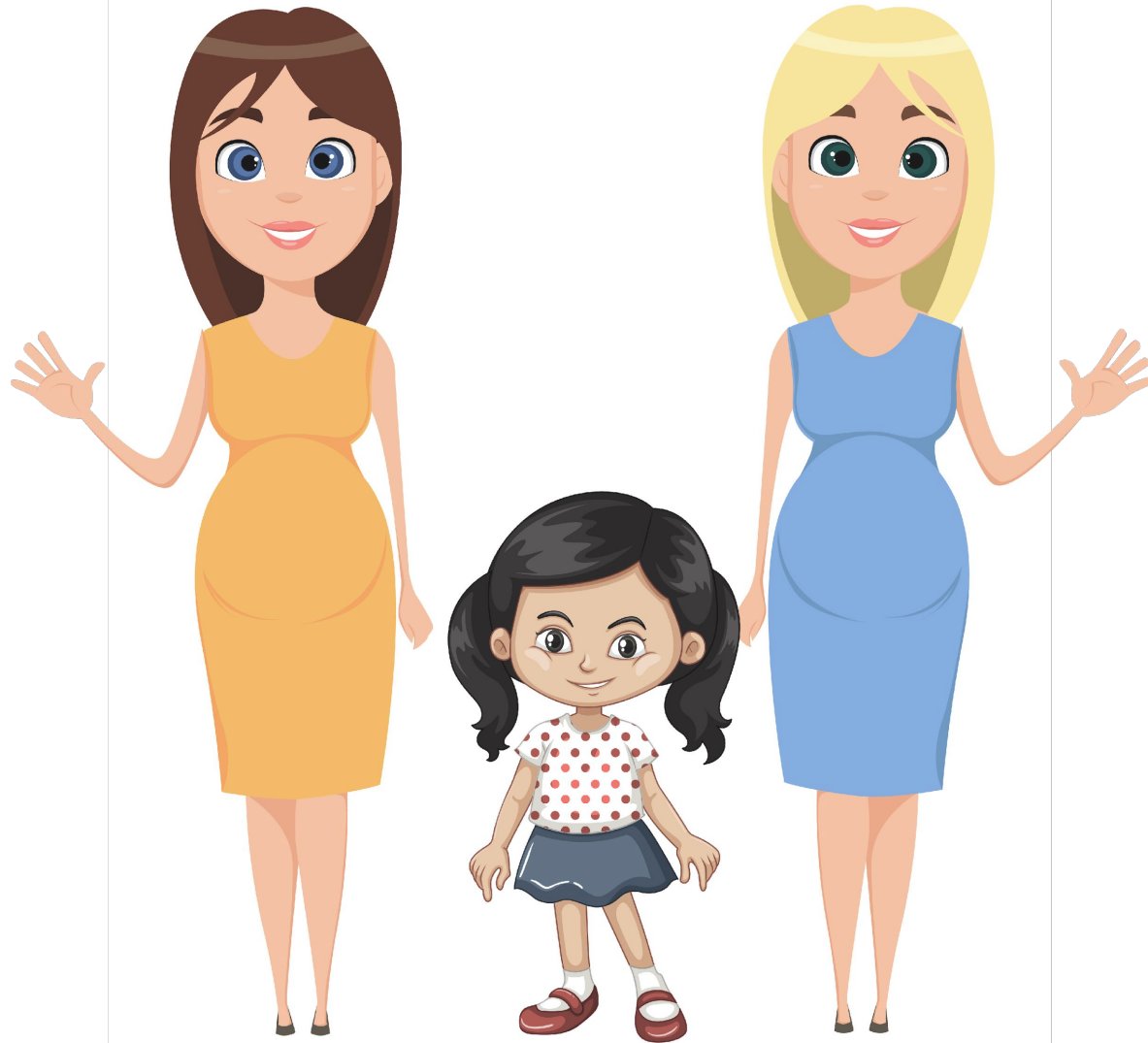
Amitha lives with her father and mother.  
This is Amitha's family.



Ahana lives in a children's home. She has many friends and an aunty who is her caretaker. That is Ahana's family



Anju lives with her 2 mothers. This is Anju's Family.



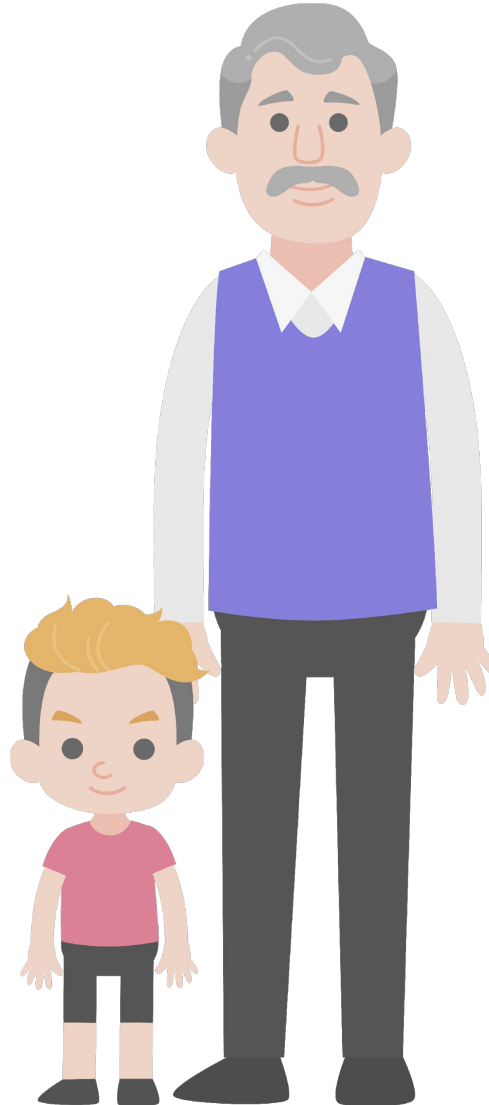
Akhil lives with his two fathers. This is Akhil's Family.



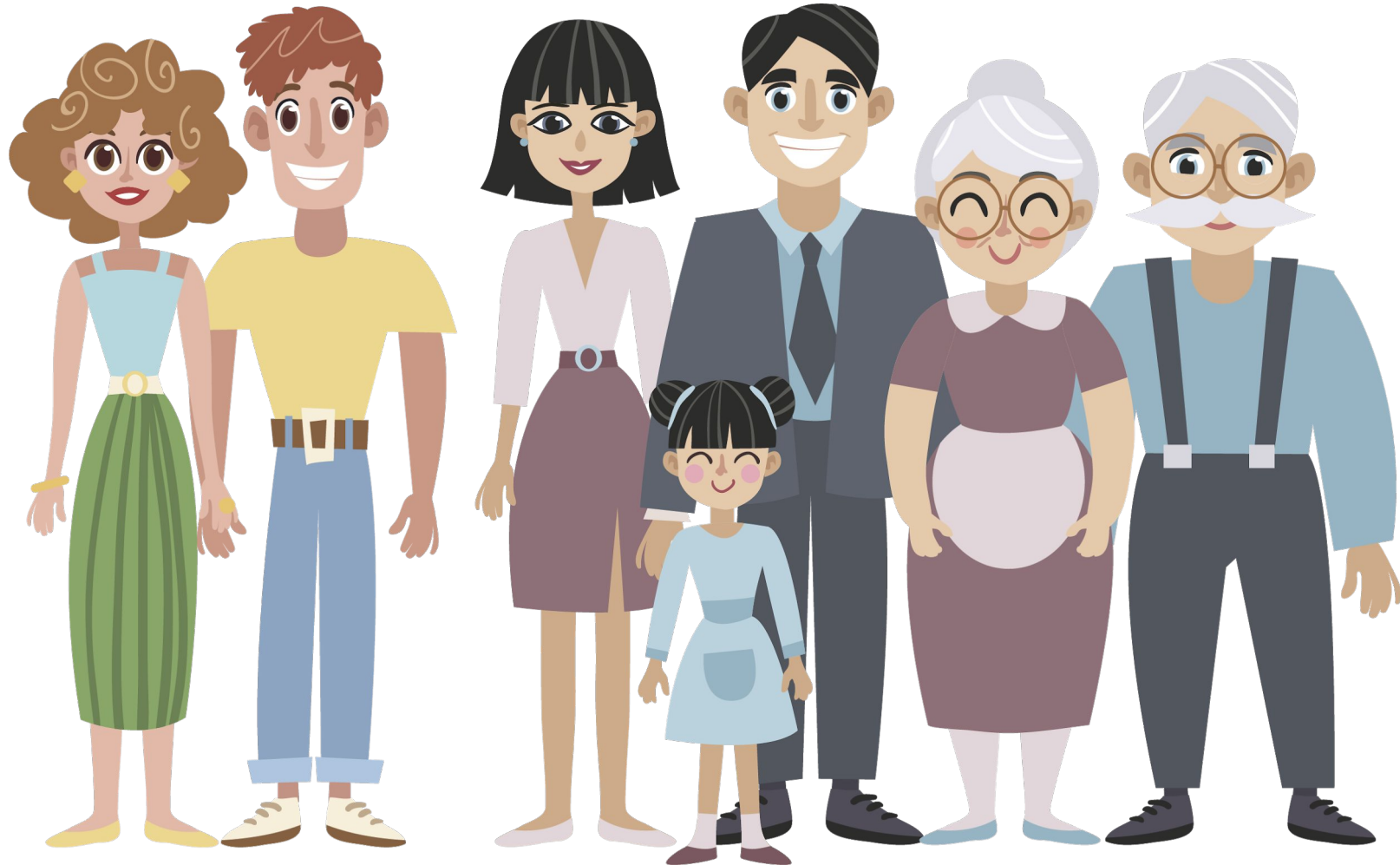
Kabir lives with his Grandmother.  
This is Kabir's Family.



Kichu lives with his grandpa. This is Kichu's Family.



Karina lives with her parents, grandparents, uncle  
and aunt. This is Karina's family.





There are many kinds of families. All kinds of families are happy and wonderful.

Can you identify the type of family you belong to?

## Note for teachers and Parents

Tell the children about the benefits of being together, and the importance of a caretaker. Focus on the type of family which child belongs to and whoever they are with it is still wonderful.

Every family is unique. When you explain about same sex parent. Tell the children that it is the choice of the individual. These types of decisions are taken once you become big or grown up.

Now can you tell me something about your family?

All these families discussed above live in different kinds of houses.

Hope you enjoyed learning about your family  
and about other kinds of families.

Would you like to learn more about families  
and homes?

We shall discuss that in the next topic.

Meanwhile, understand your family and the relationship.



Keep learning :)