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More Story Starters



PURPOSE: To become aware of the family stories you have heard, to record some of them, and to develop writing skills

YOU'LL NEED: Pen or pencil

TIME: Varies

HOW TO DO IT: If you have a story about yourself or have heard a story on any of the following topics, write down whose story it is and a few notes to help you remember it. Don't write the whole story here, just use a few words as a title to remind yourself of it. For example:

—Mother—her first job at the Dime Store

—Father—trading the sandwiches in his lunch for his friend's burritos

Also, list stories you would like them to tell you more about.

—The first time I babysat _____

—A favorite relative or friend _____

—When I stayed overnight at a friend's house _____

—A memorable birthday _____

—An unusual meal I've eaten _____

—How I used to get out of going to bed on time _____

—The time I had to do a chore I really disliked _____

—Games we play while riding in the car _____

—One of the best times I have had with my family _____

—One of the hard times I have had with my family _____

—Once when we had a big storm _____

—What I liked about where I used to live _____

—The time when I met my best friend _____

—A scary place in my house or apartment _____

—My secret or special place _____

—When I visited my relative's old house _____

—My first day at school _____

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- When I was at church or the synagogue _____
 - When I was in the hospital _____
 - The first time I went downtown by myself _____
 - The first time I rode on a bus or a plane _____
 - When I went up north, to camp, on a trip _____
 - When my family lived in another country _____
 - Something else comes to mind: _____
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WHAT ELSE?

1. Collect stories from other people also. Put all your collected stories into a book and draw pictures to illustrate them.
2. Select a story for your club or group to act out during the fair or at a school event.