

The Big Question

School-to-Home Connection

Unit 3 focuses on the Big Question: What Makes Life Good? Throughout the unit, you will learn about people, places, and activities that make life good. Before you prepare your own answers to the Big Question, find out what your parents or other adults think. Select one of the activities below to complete at home.

ACTIVITY: Survey

1. Ask your family members to answer the Big Question. Record the answers on a separate sheet of paper.
2. With a parent or another adult, read over the answers to your survey. What do the answers have in common? What conclusions can you draw about what your family members find important in life?

ACTIVITY: Narrative Poem

1. With a family member, think of a happy family memory that involves the two of you. Discuss the events of that memory, including how each of these events made you feel. List the events and feelings on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Work together to write a short narrative poem about the memory. This type of poem tells a story. Remember to use details to help others experience what you felt in this memory.

ACTIVITY: Free Writing

1. Read the Big Question to a parent or another adult. Then, set a timer for one minute. During this minute, each of you should free-write, listing people, places, and activities that make life good. Just write—do not worry if your answers are “right” or “wrong.”
2. When you are finished, you should each read your lists and circle what you feel are your top three ideas. Share and discuss your reasons for your choices.