Family Events

Family events are very memorable experiences for children. Birthdays, family reunions, summer barbeques, and holiday celebrations bring together family members in what is often a fun and festive atmosphere.

Family events are also great subjects for interviewing family members. They generally have positive memories associated with them, and they give focus to the interview. They also provide an opportunity for students to interview multiple family members and see firsthand how individual people will remember the same event in different ways.

Using the “Interviewing Your Family” activity, discuss good interview techniques with your students. Have each student pick a family event and at least two family members to interview. You might also want to work with your students to develop a couple of interview questions to get them started.