



DALLAS ARBORETUM

Seward Johnson's Celebrating the Familiar Family Exhibit Guide



We invite you to explore the meticulous textures, surprising details and hallmark touch of humor in our exhibition. This family guide and children's book list provides themes and opportunities for discussion at each sculpture and at home. Take a break from the whirl of the world around you. Pause. Look around. Use your senses. And recognize the familiar things that are part of everyday life.

Find 3 sculptures that feature animals:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Sketch your favorite sculpture with an animal:

Find and sketch a sculpture of someone doing something you've never tried before:

Questions for kids:

1. What is something new you'd like to learn how to do?
2. What kind of music do you like?
3. Are any of the people in the sculptures wearing cool clothes? Which is wearing the best outfit?

Find and sketch a sculpture of someone gardening.

Find 3 sculptures with someone wearing blue jeans:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Questions for parents:

1. Which sculpture looks like an activity you enjoy?
2. Which sculpture looks the most realistic?
3. Which sculpture's outfit would you wear?

Find and sketch a sculpture that looks about the same age as you:



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A Children's Book Guide

Imagination, dreaming and contemplation

Inspired by:

3. A Little to the Right, 1985
8. Far Out, 1979
22. Cloud Watching, 1992
24. Summer Thinking, 1989

Beaty, A., & Roberts, D. (2019).
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez.

Bennett, M. (2019). **Dear Black Boy.**

Dorros, A., & Kleven, E. (1997). **Abuela.**

Fields, M., & Moses, Y. (2019).
**Honeysmoke: A story of finding
your color.**

Murphy, F., & Harren, K. (2019).
A Boy Like You.

Ringgold, F. (2016). **Tar Beach.**

Toht, P., & Tu-Dean, L. (2019).
Dress like a girl.

Caring for pets

Inspired by:

16. Ambassador of the Streets, 1993
18. Bunnies Don't Bite, 2003
19. Uninvited Advice, 1992

Broach, E., & Barclay, E. (2018).
My Pet Wants a Pet.

Greenfield, E. (2019). Thinker:
My Puppy Poet and Me.

Meddour, W., & Egnéus, D. (2020).
Lubna and Pebble.

Talking, sharing and learning about one another

Inspired by:

9. Crossing Paths, 1988
14. Waiting to Cross, 1986

Brozo, P., & Deas, M. (2019).
The Buddy Bench.

Cabrera, C. A. (2018).
My Hair is a Garden.

Denise, A., & Escobar, P. (2019).
**Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian
and Storyteller Pura Belpré.**

Furst, J., & Wu, K. (2019).
The Little Red Stroller.

Jackson, R. (2016).
In Plain Sight: A Game.

King, S. M., & Horváth, A. (2018).
Have I Ever Told You?

Lamothe, M. (2017). **This Is How We Do
It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids
from around the World.**

Muhammad, I., Ali, S. K., & Aly, H.
(2020). **The Proudest Blue: A Story of
Hijab and Family.**

Orloff, K. K., & Chen, Z. (2019).
Some Days.

Backyards and gardening

Inspired by:

1. Down to Earth, 1989
2. The Gardener, 1987
11. Hell, Time to Go Fishing, 1991
12. Gotcha!, 1993

Bunting, E., & Hewitt, K. (2017).
Flower Garden.

Campoy, F. I., Howell, T., & López, R.
(2016). **Maybe Something Beautiful:
How Art Transformed a Neighborhood.**

DiSalvo, D. (2003). **City Green.**

Paul, B., Paul, M., & Zunon, E. (2019).
**I Am Farmer: Growing an
Environmental Movement in Cameroon.**

Uegaki, C., & Simms, G. (2019).
Ojiichan's Gift.

The bond of family and friends

Inspired by:

20. Who's in Charge?, 1991
21. Follow the Leader, 1978
25. Life at a Proper Distance, 1991

Bertrand, D. G., & Rodriguez, C. E.
(2007). **We are Cousins = Somos primos.**

Brown, K., Brown, J., & Syed, A. (2019). **I
Am Perfectly Designed.**

Guidroz, R., & Mirtalipova, D. (2019).
Leila in Saffron.

Mora, O., & Leigh, T. (2020). **Saturday.**

Penfold, A., & Kaufman, S. (2019).
All Are Welcome.

Polacco, P. (2010).
In Our Mothers' House.

Rand, E. (2018).
The Lost Property Office.

Artistic expression

Inspired by:

7. Getting Involved, 1982
13. Weekend Painter, 1994
19. Uninvited Advice, 1992

Agee, J. (2012). **The Incredible Painting
of Felix Clousseau.**

Barnes, D. D., & James, G. C. (2017).
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut.

Reynolds, P. H., & Liatis, M. (2019).
Sky Color.

Tate, D., & Christie, R. G. (2012).
**It Jes' Happened: When Bill Traylor
Started to Draw.**

Trying new things

Inspired by:

14. Waiting to Cross, 1986
15. Keep Life in Balance, 2019

Cornwall, G. (2019). **Jabari Jumps.**

Gill, J. C. (2019). **Fast Enough: Bessie
Stringfield's First Ride.**

Peña, M. D., Robinson, C., & Thomann,
R. (2015). **Last Stop on Market Street.**

Rockwell, A. F., & Rockwell, L.
(2018). **Hiking Day.**

Literature and connection

Inspired by:

10. Inner World Outer World, 2014
17. My World, 1992

Aliki. (2019). **Marianthe's Story:
Painted Words, Spoken Memories.**

Archer, M. (2019).
Daniel's Good Day.

Yolen, J., & Condon, K. (1996).
**Sky Scrape/City Scrape: Poems of
City Life.**

Connecting with water

Inspired by:

4. Midstream, 1987

Andrews, J., & Wallace, I. (2017).
Very Last First Time.

Keating, J., & Miguéns, M. A. (2018).
**Shark Lady: The True Story of How
Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's
Most Fearless Scientist.**

Sterer, G., & Bernatene, P. (2017).
Skyfishing.

Vsetula, M., Avingaq, S., & Chua, C.
(2016). **Fishing with Grandma.**

Music

Inspired by:

5. Sidewalk Concert, 1992
6. Los Mariachis, 1994

Andrews, T., Collier, B., & Graham, D.
(2017). **Trombone Shorty.**

Cox, J., & Brown, E. (2018).
My Family Plays Music.

Engle, M., & López, R. (2019). **Dancing
Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the
Piano for President Lincoln.**

Llanos, M., & Cabrera, C. A. (2018).
Luca's Bridge = El puente de Luca.

Pena, M. D., & Ramirez, A. (2017).
Miguel and the Grand Harmony.

Weatherford, C. B., & Morrison, F.
(2018). **The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the
4 Pillars of Hip-Hop.**

Food, family and culture

Inspired by:

23. Wine, Food and Thou, 2014

Deenihan, J. L., & Rocha, L. (2019).
When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree.

Detlefsen, L. H., & Kurilla, R. (2019).
**Right This Very Minute: A Table-to-
Farm Book About Food and Farming.**

Fullerton, A. (2013).
Community Soup.

Maillard, K. N., & Martinez-Neal, J.
(2019). **Fry Bread: A Native American
Family Story.**

Wang, A., & Urbanowicz, K. (2019).
**Magic Ramen: The Story of
Momofuku Ando.**

Zhang, K., & Chua, C. (2020).
Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao.

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