


What Are Family Traditions?

A young girl with blonde hair is holding a small American flag and a slice of watermelon. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a solid green color.

Families do special things together. They may have done them for a long time. Some families have a picnic every Fourth of July. Others may bake special foods on birthdays. What are some of the special things your family does?

Social Studies Words

celebrate

holiday

tradition



Geography



1. Traditions Are Special Ways of Doing Things

Some families have traditions.

Traditions are special things families do on special days each year. They bring the community together. Many families watch fireworks on July 4. Some families hang stockings at Christmas. What does your family do that is special?

2. Traditions Connect to the Past

Traditions connect people to their community's past. Thanksgiving reminds Americans of our history.

Traditions connect people to their family's past. Your grandma may make special food on New Year's Day. Her mother may have made the same food when she was little. How do you remember your family's past?



3. Families Celebrate Special Days in Different Ways

Traditions can bring families together on important days. On these days, families **celebrate**, or do something fun. Some families celebrate birthdays with balloons. Some families sing a song. How does your family celebrate your birthday?





4. Families Celebrate Different Holidays

Traditions may be about holidays.

Holidays are important days of celebration. Some families celebrate the Chinese New Year by watching a parade. What special holidays can you name?

Lesson Summary

Families have traditions to celebrate special days. Grandparents may teach you old traditions. Families may have holiday traditions.