

# Family Life

All families are different, but they have one thing in common: They have a big effect on our lives. Write about life in your family. (If you live part of the time with one parent and part of the time with another, you may choose to write about either or both family situations.)

## **Getting Started**

1. What is life like in your family? What makes you a family? How do you all manage to get along?
2. How would you describe your family's "personality?" For example, is it noisy, active, quiet, calm, strict, friendly, loving, formal, informal, etc.?
3. What makes your family special? Do you have special words, sayings, or jokes? What are the family rules? What are the family traditions? What do you like most about your family?
4. What values are important to your family? For example, honesty may be very important, or doing well in school. Perhaps sharing time with relatives is especially important, or spending time on church activities. What is especially important to your family? How do you show that it is important?
5. Tell some family stories. Did you ever share an adventure? What funny things have happened to you? What frightening things? Can you describe a family hobby, sport, or other activity you enjoy together?
6. Are animals or pets a part of your family? If so, explain. Can you tell any interesting animal or pet stories involving your family?
7. Do you spend a lot of time with grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or cousins? Have you had any unusual, special, funny or exciting family get-togethers?
8. How does your family get all the chores done? Does everyone have special responsibilities? What did you have to do?