Lesson:

Family

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<td>el padre, la madre, el hermano, la hermana, el abuelo, la abuela, la familia</td>
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You will need to download:

Printables:  
- "Dedo recortable familia" (para La Canción de la Familia) worksheet  
- "Mi familia" worksheet  
- La Canción de la Familia song poster  
- Warm Up & Wrap Up lesson sheet

Readers:  
La Familia de Monstruos

Songs:  
La Canción de la Familia (The Family Song)

These can be downloaded at http://www.spanishkidstuff.com/lesson-plans.html

You will also need:

- photos of you and your family (or magazine cut outs of people)  
- construction paper / card (one sheet per student)  
- tape / glue  
- scissors  
- a timer (set to 1 minute - see point 6)  
- board with chalk / markers  
- CD / Tape player / Computer or something to play the song on

Notes:

This is a great lesson to teach little ones as they completely understand the concept of family. It includes finger puppet activities.

IMPORTANT: if possible, ask the parents before class to arrange for their kids to bring in family photos – parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, themselves. Also, bring in a few family photos of your own.
Lesson Overview:

Warm Up and Maintenance:

1. See our "Warm Up & Wrap Up" lesson sheet.

New Learning and Practice:

1. Do "Teacher's Family Photos Time" activity
2. Do "Students' Family Photos Time" activity
3. Make "My Family Tree" Posters
4. Make and play with Finger Puppets
5. Sing "La Canción de la Familia"
6. Play "Finger Puppet Conversations"
7. Read classroom reader "La Familia de Monstruos"

Wrap Up:

1. Set Homework: "Mi familia" worksheet
2. See our "Warm Up & Wrap Up" lesson sheet.

Lesson Procedure:

Warm Up and Maintenance:

See our "Warm Up & Wrap Up" lesson sheet.

New Learning and Practice:

1. Do "Teacher's Family Photos Time" activity
   If you can bring in photos of your family, this is a great activity to do. Also try to encourage your students to bring in photos of their family - you'll need to arrange this with the parents before the lesson. If you can't bring in photos, see the alternative below.
Draw 7 squares on the top of your board in a row (see image below). Hold up a photo of yourself and ask "Who is this?". Elicit that it is you, stick the photo inside the middle square and write your name under the photo. 

Next take out another photo (e.g. your father) and again ask "Who is this?". Elicit and teach the family vocab and stick the photo in one of the squares and write the word (e.g. "padre") under the photo. Do for all of the following: padre, madre, hermano, hermana, abuelo, abuela - you may not have some of these family members, but for the sake of this lesson, use photos of friends, etc., and pretend they are your hermano, abuela, etc.

Alternative: If you can't bring in family photos: instead of using your family photos, cut out pictures of people from magazines and pretend they are your family members. Younger kids will generally believe you (and may even be quite impressed!).

2. Do "Students' Family Photos Time" activity
If your students have brought in photos of themselves and their families, this is a great activity to do. If not, go to step 3.

On the board, under the row of 7 photos of your family you are going to place photos from each of the students' families. First, hold up the photos of the students in your class and elicit who they are - each time, stick their photo in the middle column and write their names underneath.
Next, you are going to play a guessing game - hold up a photo of one of your student's family members (e.g. Hugo's sister) and get everyone to guess whose family the person belongs to. Elicit family vocab (e.g. "Es la hermana de Hugo" (It's Hugo's sister)) and place the photo on the board in the correct place (e.g., for Hugo's sister, it would go in the row of Hugo's photo and in the sister column).

Keep holding up randomly selected photos of your students' family members and placing on the board until your board is full of family photos.

3. Make "My Family Tree" Posters
Give out a piece of colored construction paper / card to each student. They are each going to make a family tree poster of their family. Begin by demonstrating the activity - with a green and brown crayon draw a large tree, filling up the whole piece of paper. At the top write in large letters "Mi familia". Then, either stick your photos family photos onto the tree or draw pictures of your family (grandparents at the top, next your parents and you and your siblings at the bottom). Finally, under each family member photo/picture write the vocab (el abuelo, la madre, etc.).
Now get your students to do the same. If they brought in photos they can use them on their poster - if not, encourage them to draw pictures of their family members. Students can copy the words from your poster (display it clearly).

Finally, have each student pin their poster to the walls of the classroom. Ask each student questions (e.g. ¿Esta es tu madre? ¿Cómo se llama tu hermano? ¿Cuántos años tiene tu hermana?).

NOTE: Depending on the level of your students you can have them write more information about their family members on the poster (e.g. names, ages, jobs, etc.). Students can even draw pictures of their pets.

4. **Make and play with Finger Puppets**
   For the song we are going to use finger puppets (use the "Dedo recortable familia" (para La Canción de la Familia) worksheet). Before class, print and cut out the finger puppets. We have color and black & white versions of the craft sheet - if using the black & white version, have your students color in the puppets before starting the song. Then attach the puppets to each students' fingers by taping the straps around the finger - 3 puppets on each hand.

Next, check everyone understands which puppet is which - say "Todos muevan al abuelo" (Everybody wiggle grandfather) - make sure you are wearing your finger puppets as well so you can demonstrate. Go through each puppet, wiggling fingers. Then play a quick game: say "Mueve a la hermana" (Wiggle the sister) and everyone has to quickly wiggle the right one. Do for a few rounds until everyone has got the hang of it.

5. **Sing "La Canción de la Familia"**
   Play the song and sing along - wiggling the correct puppet for each verse (e.g. verse 1 is "father"). If everyone enjoyed the song, play it once more.
**Lyrics for "La Canción de la Familia" (The Family Song)**

**Estrofa 1:**
Hola padre, Hola padre,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 2:**
Hola madre, Hola madre,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 3:**
Hola hermano, Hola hermano,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 4:**
Hola hermana, Hola hermana,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 5:**
Hola abuelo, Hola abuelo,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 6:**
Hola abuela, Hola abuela,  
¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo estás?  
Estoy bien, gracias, Estoy bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Estrofa 7:**
Hola familia, Hola familia,  
¿Cómo están? ¿Cómo están?  
Estamos bien, gracias, Estamos bien, gracias,  
Hasta pronto, Hasta pronto.

**Gestures for "La Canción de la Familia" (The Family Song)**

For this song students use finger puppets - cut out the puppets from the "Dedo recortable familia" (para La Canción de la Familia) worksheet:

- before the song, help everyone to put on the puppets - there are 6 puppets altogether, 3 on each hand.
- as the song plays, students wiggle the puppet for that particular verse (e.g. in Verse 1 it is "padre") and sing along.
- for the last verse (familia) students wiggle all of their finger puppets
6. **Play "Finger Puppet Conversations"**

By now, everyone should have the idea of the structures from the song, so we are going to have some fun role-plays with the finger puppets. First model with one student. Hold up one finger puppet (e.g. mother) and get the other student to hold up one finger (e.g. grandfather). Role-play a fun conversation, for example:

*T:* Hola abuelo.
*S:* Hola madre.
*T:* ¿Cómo estás?
*S:* Estoy bien, gracias. ¿Cómo estás?
*T:* Estoy bien, gracias. ¡Hasta pronto!
*S:* ¡Hasta pronto!

Then you can change finger puppets and do the conversation again. Depending on level, you can also throw in a few more questions, such as, "¿Cómo te llamas?", "¿Cuántos años tienes?", "¿En dónde vives?", etc.

Now the class can role-play. Put everyone into pairs and set a timer to one minute. Shout "¡Empezar!" (Start!) and the pairs should role-play with different puppets until the timer goes off. Then shout "¡Cambio de parejas!" (Change partners!) and everyone finds a new partner for another one-minute conversation. Keep going for a few rounds.

7. **Read classroom reader "La Familia de Monstruos"**

We'll end the lesson with a fun story. Before class, download and print off the reader "La Familia de Monstruos" from our website. You may have already used this reader in the Body Parts lesson - if so, this will be a good review (kids loves returning to favorite stories). As you go through each page, point to the pictures, elicit each key body word, and have your students guess which family member each monster is, for example:

*Teacher:* ¿Qué miembro de la familia es éste? *(pointing at the monster on page 2)*
*Students:* ¿La hermana?
*Teacher:* Sí, ¡Bien! Es la hermana del Pequeño Monstruo. ¿Y qué son estos?
*Students:* ¡Los Hombros!
*Teacher:* Sí, ¡Los hombros grandes! Todos, toquen sus hombros *(touching shoulders).*
*Students:* (Touching shoulders) ¡Los hombros!
*Teacher:* ¿De qué color son sus hombros?
*Students:* ¡Rosas!
*Teacher:* ¡Correcto! *(Reading)* "Esta es mi hermana. Ella tiene los hombros grandes". etc.
Get the students really involved in the story by asking lots of questions (e.g. eliciting colors) and getting them to touch and say the parts of the body in the story.

**Wrap Up:**
1. Assign Homework: "Mi familia" worksheet.
2. Wrap up the lesson with some ideas from our "Warm Up & Wrap Up" lesson sheet.

- All flashcards, worksheets, craft sheets, readers and songs used in this lesson plan can be downloaded at spanishkidstuff.com/lesson-plans.html
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