

# The Beat

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Watch TV for homework? Many kids had that assignment recently. In celebration of International Day of the Family on May 15, some teachers had kids compare TV families with real families to learn about similarities and differences. Students were given observation charts to use to record each show's name, family status (lower or upper income, blended, single mother/father, etc.), problem, who solved it, and how it was solved.

After gathering the data, the students discussed their findings. They compared the problems solved on TV with problems real families face, and students discussed whether or not watching TV can help teach families how to solve real problems. No matter which TV family was observed, one universal difference was plain: 30 minutes isn't nearly enough time to resolve most of the challenges real families face.



## THINK ABOUT IT

- Who is your favorite TV family?
- How is this family different from your real live family?

## All in the Family

Write the word "FAMILY" down the left side of a piece of paper, acrostic style. Think of a sentence beginning with each letter that could tell about life in a healthy family. For example: "F—Fix supper as a surprise before Mom gets home!" Compare your lists.



What activity can you do with your family this week to honor God?