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## Chinese American Museum *Lantern Festival 2005* *\*Lighting the Way\**



### CLASSROOM ACTIVITY Family & Home

**Objective:** Students will learn that family and home can mean different things to different people. Student will also learn how to write the Chinese characters for family and home.

**Suggested  
Grade Levels:** 1-3

#### Background:



Family is very special to many people.  
It is important to be with your family during the  
Lantern festival.  
Home is also very special to many people.  
Family and home can mean different things to  
different people.

#### Exercises:

1. What does home mean to you?

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2. What does family mean to you?

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3. What are some other holidays you spend with your family?

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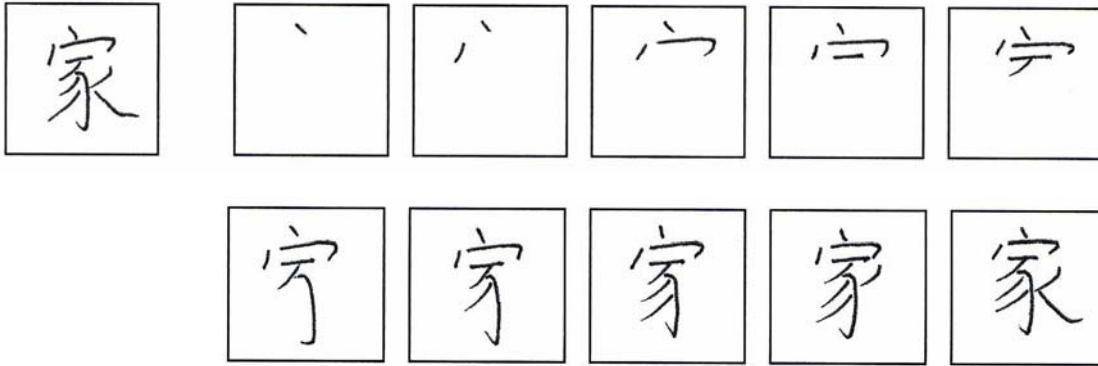
4. Draw a picture of your family here:

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There is no alphabet in Chinese writing. Instead, Chinese written words are called **characters**. Every character is a whole word, or part of a word.

Home in Chinese is *jia*. Practice writing the character for *jia*.

JIA



Family in Chinese is *jia ren*. Practice writing the character for *ren*, then write *jia ren*.

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## Family & Home: For Teachers

The exercise works to illustrate how the concepts of home and family are complex, personal, and often influenced by one's cultural experiences, and that family is a common value in many holidays, and cultures. It also introduced students to the Chinese writing system and demonstrates the connection between the concepts of family and home in Chinese culture.

Students should complete this worksheet individually then gather in pairs or small groups to share their answers with each other. There are no wrong answers, but hopefully students will have different ones to generate conversation between them. After the students meet in groups, the entire class can then be led in comparing and contrasting answers.