FAMILY GESTURE PROJECT

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THE GOAL
ENGAGEMENT
COMMUNICATION

Interpersonal

Directive

Referential

Imaginative
COMMUNICATION

Interpersonal

Greetings
Expressing Joy
Expressing Sadness
Making Promises
COMMUNICATION

Making Requests
Asking for help
Warning
Giving permission
COMMUNICATION

Referential

Identifying items or people
Comparing or Contrasting
IT’S NOT EASY
WE ALL COMMUNICATE VISUALLY
UNLEARNING
ENGAGEMENT KITS
Family Gesture Project
A: Ask for help carrying a box.

B: Decline because the box is too heavy, your back hurts. Direct A to ask another strong person.
POINTING AND EYE GAZE
FACIAL COMMUNICATION

• SUPRISE

• HAPPINESS

• SADNESS

• LAUGHTER

• ENGAGEMENT GAMES (raspberries, peek-a boo, close/open eyes, etc.)
• Think of the contexts in which we find ourselves when we’re interacting with our young children.
THANK YOU!

• Questions?
• Discussion?

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