

Antonio's Suitcase

The Journey That Built Our Family

FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITY BOOK

Discover Your Story • Celebrate Your Heritage • Keep Family Memories Alive

Recommended
Age
6-8 years



This book belongs to:

WELCOME

Hello!

Every family has a story.

It is a story about where we come from,
the people who came before us,
the places they lived,
the memories they made,
and the love that
brings us all together.

In Antonio's Suitcase,
Antonio travelled from Italy
to Australia at eighteen
to build a better future
and begin a new life.

Now it's your turn!

—❤—
This activity book will help you
discover your family's story,
celebrate your heritage and
keep your family memories alive.

❤
Ask someone at home
to help you as you complete
these pages.
Have fun discovering
your amazing story!



Some families came by ship.
Some came by plane.
Some walked a long way.
Some have lived on this land
for thousands of years.
Every family's journey is special.

Every family has a story.
What's your family's story?



MEET ANTONIO

Antonio was a young man who lived in a small village in Italy.

He loved his family, his home and his village.

When Antonio was eighteen, he made a very brave decision.

He would leave his family, pack one small suitcase and travel to Australia.

It was a long and sometimes scary journey, but he carried hope in his heart.

When Antonio arrived, he worked hard, made new friends and built a new life.

Antonio never forgot where he came from.



WHAT'S INSIDE ANTONIO'S SUITCASE?

What do you think Antonio packed
in his suitcase? Draw some things.



MY FAMILY STORY



Where does my family come from?

Colour the country where your family began.



Country: _____

Town or City (if you know): _____



Ask Someone at Home



1. Who in your family came to Australia first?



MY FAMILY STORY

2. Why did they come?

- ☐ Work
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Safety
- ☐ Adventure
- ☐ I don't know yet



3. What language did they speak?

4. What food reminds you of your family?

If you had one suitcase...

If you had to travel to a new country
with only one suitcase...

Draw or write five things you would take.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



MY FAMILY STORY



My Family Makes Me Feel...

Circle all the words that describe your family.



Loved



Happy



Strong



Safe



Funny



Proud



At Home



My Favourite Thing I Learned

Today I discovered...

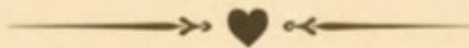
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Every family has a story

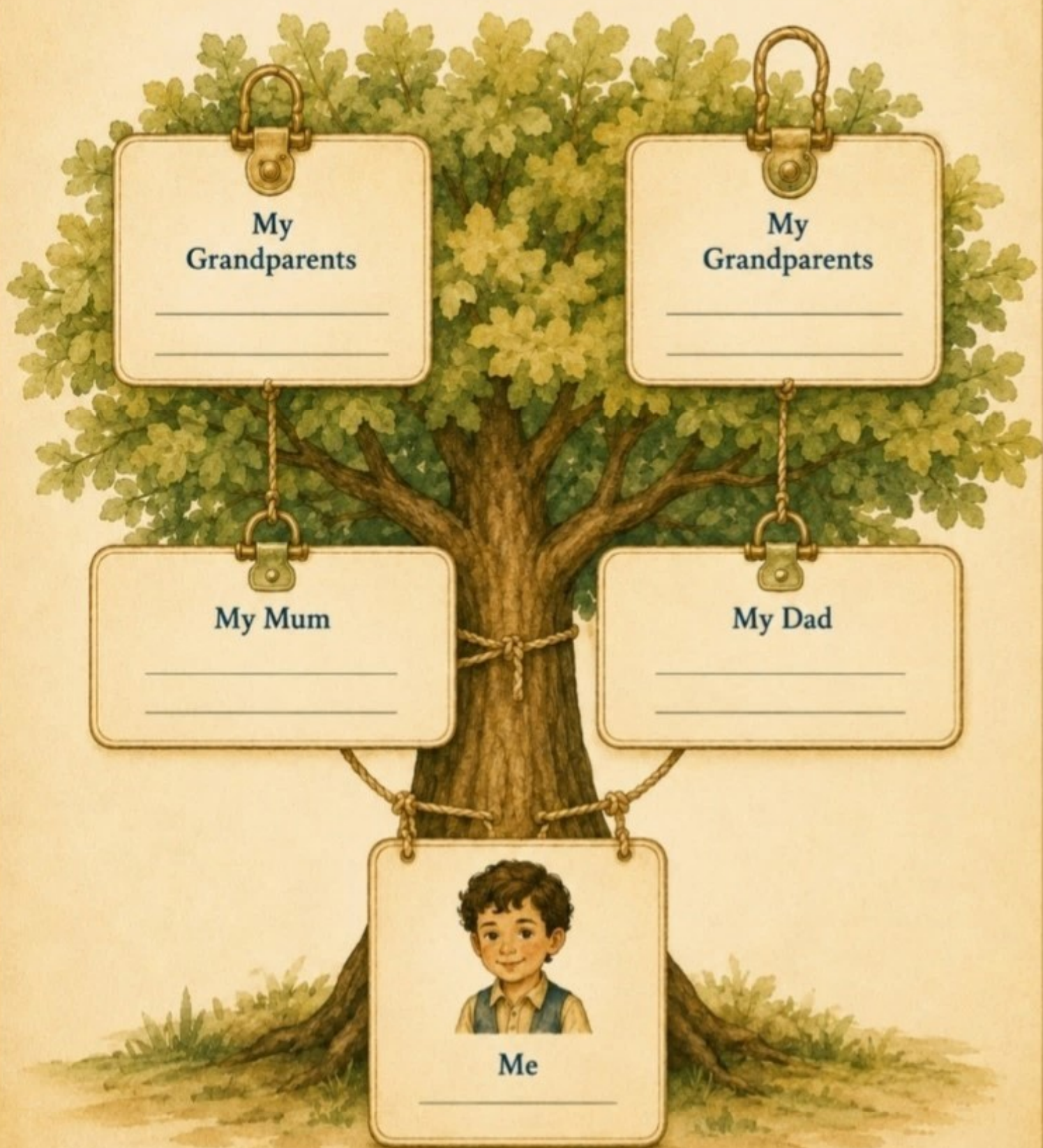
What's your family's story?



MY FAMILY TREE



Fill in your family tree.



INTERVIEW GRANDMA OR GRANDPA

Ask a grandparent or an older family member these questions and write their answers.

1. Where were you born?



2. What games did you play when you were my age?

3. What was school like?



4. What food did you love?

5. What made you happy?



OUR FAMILY TIMELINE



Draw or write important events in
in your family's journey.

Long ago...



Then...



Now...

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin, double-lined border, intended for drawing or writing a family event corresponding to the 'Long ago...' time period.A large, empty rectangular box with a thin, double-lined border, intended for drawing or writing a family event corresponding to the 'Then...' time period.A large, empty rectangular box with a thin, double-lined border, intended for drawing or writing a family event corresponding to the 'Now...' time period.

FAMILY TRADITIONS



Draw or write about special traditions
in your family.

We celebrate _____

We always _____

We love to _____



WORDS FROM HOME



Write five words in another language
that someone in your family speaks.

1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



FOODS WE LOVE



Draw your favourite family foods.

My favourite:



My favourite:



DRAW YOUR DREAM JOURNEY

—→♥←—
Where would you like to go?
Draw your dream journey.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Look at the pictures.
Can you find 7 differences?



WRITE A LETTER TO ANTONIO



What would you like to say to Antonio?
Write him a letter.



A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE

Antonio had a big heart.
He was grateful for his family, his home,
his village and for the new life he built
in Australia.

What are you grateful for?
Write or draw the things that
make you feel thankful.

Gratitude
helps us see
the good things
in our lives.



My Family

My Home

My Friends

Nature

My Opportunities

Other

Take a moment
to be thankful
for the people,
places and experiences
that make your story
special.



EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY



Antonio carried one small suitcase.
Inside it were hopes, dreams
and memories.

Today, your family carries
its own special story.

Treasure it.
Share it.
Pass it on.



Thank you for being part of
Antonio's story.



Now, go share yours!

