

MY FAMILY

What does the word "family" mean to you?

Different Singapore artists have portrayed "family" in different ways. Let us have a closer look at the artworks in the DBS Singapore Gallery!

Family (reworked into Family and One) by Chong Fah Cheong



Chong Fah Cheong. Family (reworked into Family and One). 1985. Teak, 35.0 x 122.0 x 137.5 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

Chong Fah Cheong explores the idea of a family with five carved wooden planks.

They lean against each other, each supporting another to create balance.

What shapes and lines do you see?

What lines would you use to represent your family members? Draw in the box below.



Working Class Family by Wee Kong Chai



Wee Kong Chai. *Working Class Family*. 1963. Oil on canvas, 102 x 153 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

Wee Kong Chai used short brushstrokes and dimly lit scenes to depict everyday working-class life in the 1960s.
Look at the people and furniture featured in this painting.
What do you think they are doing?

Sketch a typical scene of what you see at home every day.



Family Portrait by Georgette Chen



Georgette Chen depicted the family of Chen Fah Shin, her long-time friend, in Family Portrait.

It portrays the closeness and warmth of a family, their togetherness and the meaning of home.

Georgette Chen. *Family Portrait.* c. 1954. Oil on canvas, 161.5 x 130.2 cm. Gift of the artist's estate. Collection of National Gallery Singapore

What is this family doing? What activities do you and your family enjoy doing together? Share some of them below.



Draw a portrait of your family.

