



# Operation Purple® AT HOME

## ... Activity One ...

## CREATE YOUR MILITARY FAMILY FLAG

**Time: 1-2 hours | Participants: The whole family**

Spend time together outside and inside to create a flag that represents your military family!

### FAMILY MISSION VALUES

Communication and Connection

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Poster board, construction paper, or printer paper
- Thin wooden stick or frame
- Magazines, newspapers, stencils, color fabric, photos, printed images or symbols
- Crayons, color pencils, markers, or paint
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Family brainstorm! As a family, work together to decide what your family flag should look like. Chat about what things are important to you and your family, things you enjoy doing together and individually, and favorite place you've lived. Don't forget to include your family's military branch or other military theme!
2. Discuss and gather what materials you'll need to represent those things on your flag.
3. Use scissors to carefully cut out decorations, and use crayons, color pencils, markers, and/or paint to draw and color your images.
4. Lay out and rearrange the decorations on your flag to find a design everyone likes.
5. Glue or tape all decorations to the flag.
6. Attach your flag to its "pole" (the wooden stick or frame) with glue or tape.

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7. Write a short story to describe your family flag. Include fun details about each piece of decoration and why it's important to your military family.
8. Display your family flag! Together, decide where the flag should go: outside, in a frame, hung on the wall, or somewhere else?

## **Mission Accomplished!**

## WRAP UP

*Sit down with your family in a circle or at a table and chat about the activity experience using these questions! Take turns reading a question and listen to each person's response.*

- Is this the first time your whole family did a project together?
- Did every family member have input and decide how the flag should be decorated?
- Was it challenging to do your family flag as a team? If so, how did you embrace the challenge?
- How do you think the flag would be different if you didn't collaborate as a family?
- What did you learn about yourself and your family throughout this project?
- Do you feel this project helped create a closer bond with each other?