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**Proud to be Me!**

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Start a love of reading, one book at a time!

**Family Activity**

It’s important to celebrate your child’s special qualities, as well as those of your whole family. Try the activity below to share what makes your family unique and incredible.

**What I Am**

1. Watch this Sesame Street in Communities music video together with your child. Dance and sing along!
2. Then, discuss 3 positive statements about your child or family. Begin each statement with, “What I am (or "we are") is ____.” For example, “What I am is loving.”
3. Write the statements down on a piece of paper for your child.
4. Let your child know, “These words make me feel good and can make you feel good too. You can look at these words when you’re sad or mad or scared.”
5. Invite your child to decorate the paper. Display it as a reminder of your child and family’s strengths.

This activity is inspired by Sesame Street in Communities’ activity, “What I am.”

**Family Reading Tip: Make Reading Special**

Build a love of reading in your child by making it something special and exciting! Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with them and talk about “story time” as the favorite part of your day. You can also help your child get their own library card or use books as rewards to make reading even more fun and special.

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