**Teacher: Family Types** (5 minutes)

F. Family units are found in a variety of forms called family types. The type of the family does not indicate how healthy the family is or how they function. Which family type a family fits within is determined by the physical makeup of the members in relationship to each of their roles and function in the family. The family structure is referring to the individuals who are part of the family. Is there a mother and children present? Is the father present? Are there other family members present? The family structure determines what family type they make up.

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| G. Explain the different family types: *(Teacher Note: Add other family structures as appropriate for your classroom.)* *Nuclear*  | *A mother, father and one or more shared children.*  |
| *Single-Parent*  | *One parent and one or more children.*  |
| *Extended*  | *Includes all the relatives in a family such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.*  |
| *Adoptive*  | *A mother and father who are raising a child who are not the biological parents.*  |
| *Childless*  | *A husband and wife with no children.* |
| *Blended*  | *Combined families which may include children from the present union with the children from previous relationships/ marriages.*  |
| *Foster Family*  | *A temporary family that takes care of a child for short or long periods of time until the children either return home or move into a more permanent and healthy environment.*  |