This painting from the Aga Khan Museum’s collection shows a father and daughter spending time together. In the story, the father, named Mahyar, asks his daughter Arezu to play the harp for a guest in their house. Arezu begins by singing a song about her father and shares her love and respect for him through her song.

But there’s a surprise in the story – When people see Mahyar and Arezu’s guest’s golden whip hanging on the front door, they recognize that it belongs to King Bahram. So, the father and daughter find out that their guest is secretly the king! You can learn more about King Bahram and this painting by clicking here.

Look closely at the painting. You can see Mahyar wearing a blue robe with a white turban on his head. Next to him, Arezu is playing the harp while wearing a golden robe and gold earrings. The guest, King Bahram, is sitting on a cushion, wearing a golden robe, and is surrounded by his attendants.

Activity

Materials:
Paper, pencil, eraser, crayons

Steps:
Using a pencil, paper, and crayons, can you show us how you like to spend time with your family? Do you enjoy performing music, playing board games, walking in the park, or painting together?

How are you spending time with your family this family day?

Find a nice spot in your house to display your drawing. Share your work with us at: learn@agakhanmuseum.org