


**Museum  
Leuven**




**BRING AN  
ARTWORK  
INTO YOUR  
HOME!**







May 10th was Mothering Sunday and we are not allowing it to pass unnoticed. Though it would have been lovely to visit M together on that special day, sadly that is not possible just yet. So we are bringing works of art to you!




For centuries mothers and children have been favourite subjects of artists. Which is why there are so many paintings and sculptures of mothers and families in M's collection.





Do you know the most famous mother of all times? Well, that was Mary, the mother of Jesus.



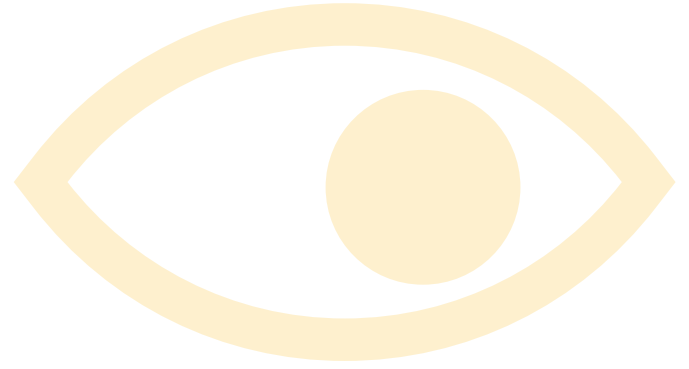
People were so fond of her that she appears in countless paintings, sculptures and other works of art.



Time to delve a little deeper!

Here you see three artworks depicting Mary and Jesus. Strangely enough, they don't bear any resemblance to each other. The colours, shapes and materials are completely different.





Compete with a member of your family to see who can find the most differences and similarities between these three works of art.

You have 1 minute.  
(We like to keep you on your toes!)



Go!





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## similarities

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# 1. Mysterious families

Come in, come in!

Welcome to the Van Diest family home. This family is very mysterious. The best detectives have racked their brains to find out more about them, but without success. So we need your help. Take a good look at these family portraits.

Then answer the following questions using as much imagination as you can muster.





1.

*When did this family live?*

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*Where did this family live?*

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*Who is the mother? Click a button.*

*Give her a name:*

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*What is her favourite hobby?*

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*Who is the father? Click a button.*

*Give him a name:*

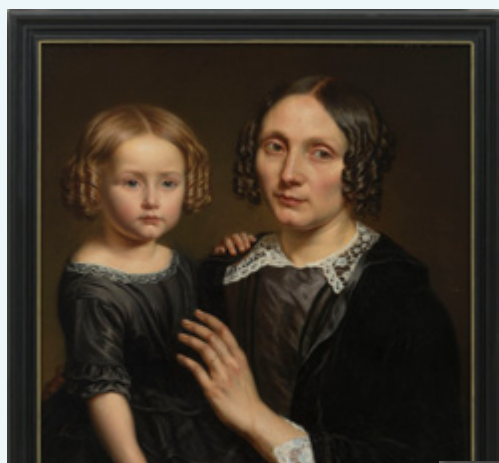
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*What is his favourite animal?*

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*How many children are there in the Van Diest family?*

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*Who is the youngest member?*

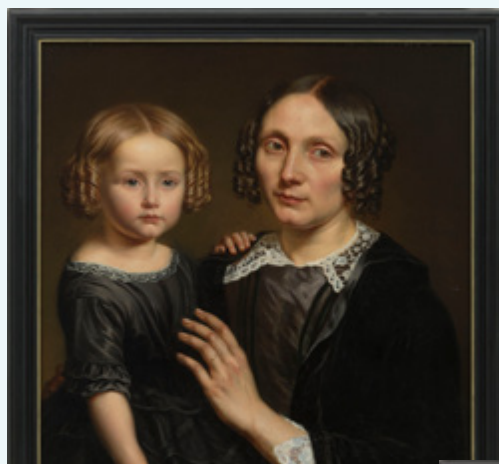
*Click a button.*

*Give him/her a name:*

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*What is his/her big dream?*

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## 2. My own family tree

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Two mothers with a child or two fathers with five children. A mother and father with a very small child. Or perhaps a child with several mothers and fathers.



# 2.

Take a look here!

These three artworks show three different families. Give them a silly surname based on what you see.



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the ..... family

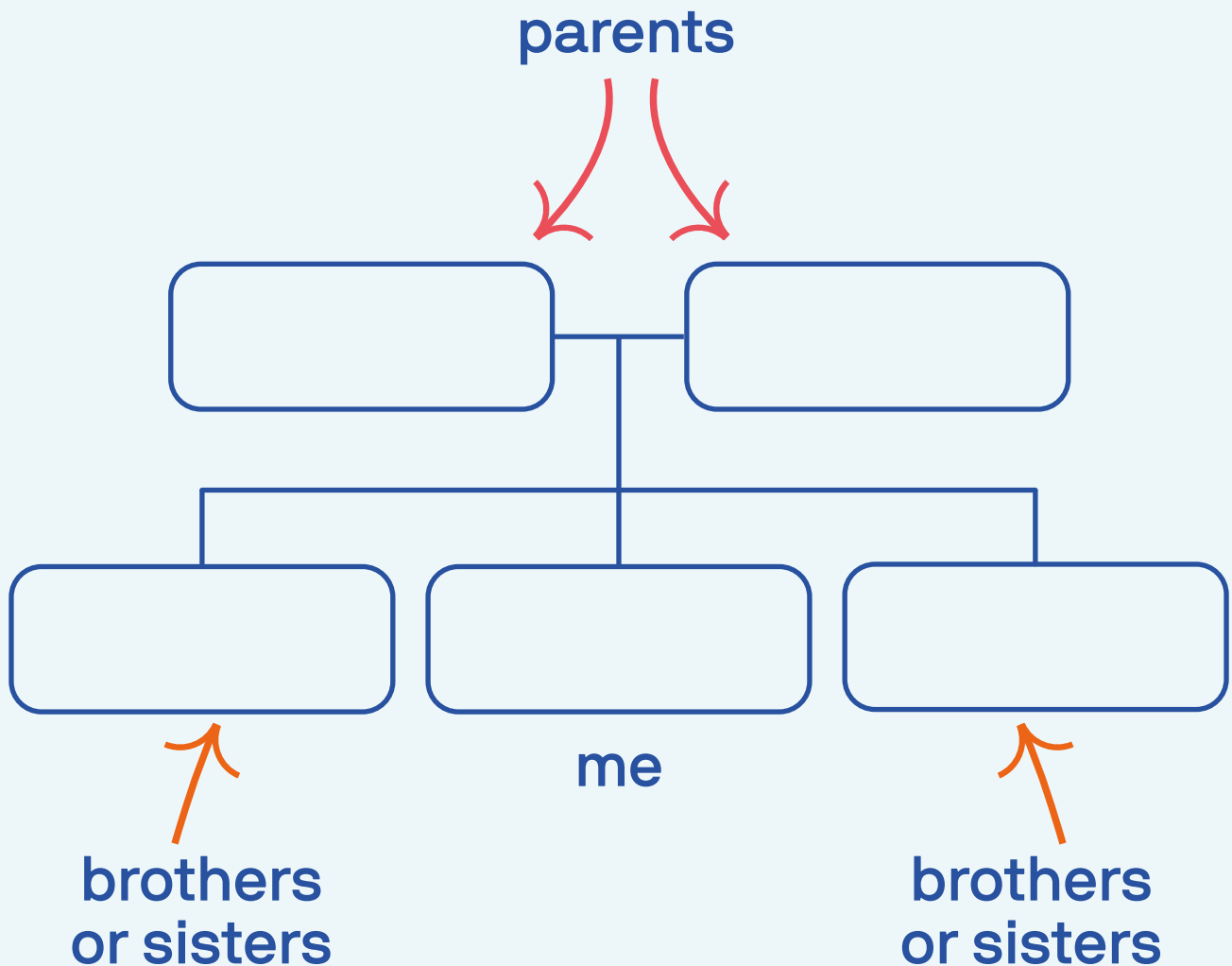


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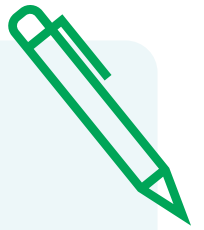
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Use the family tree to show your family relationships.

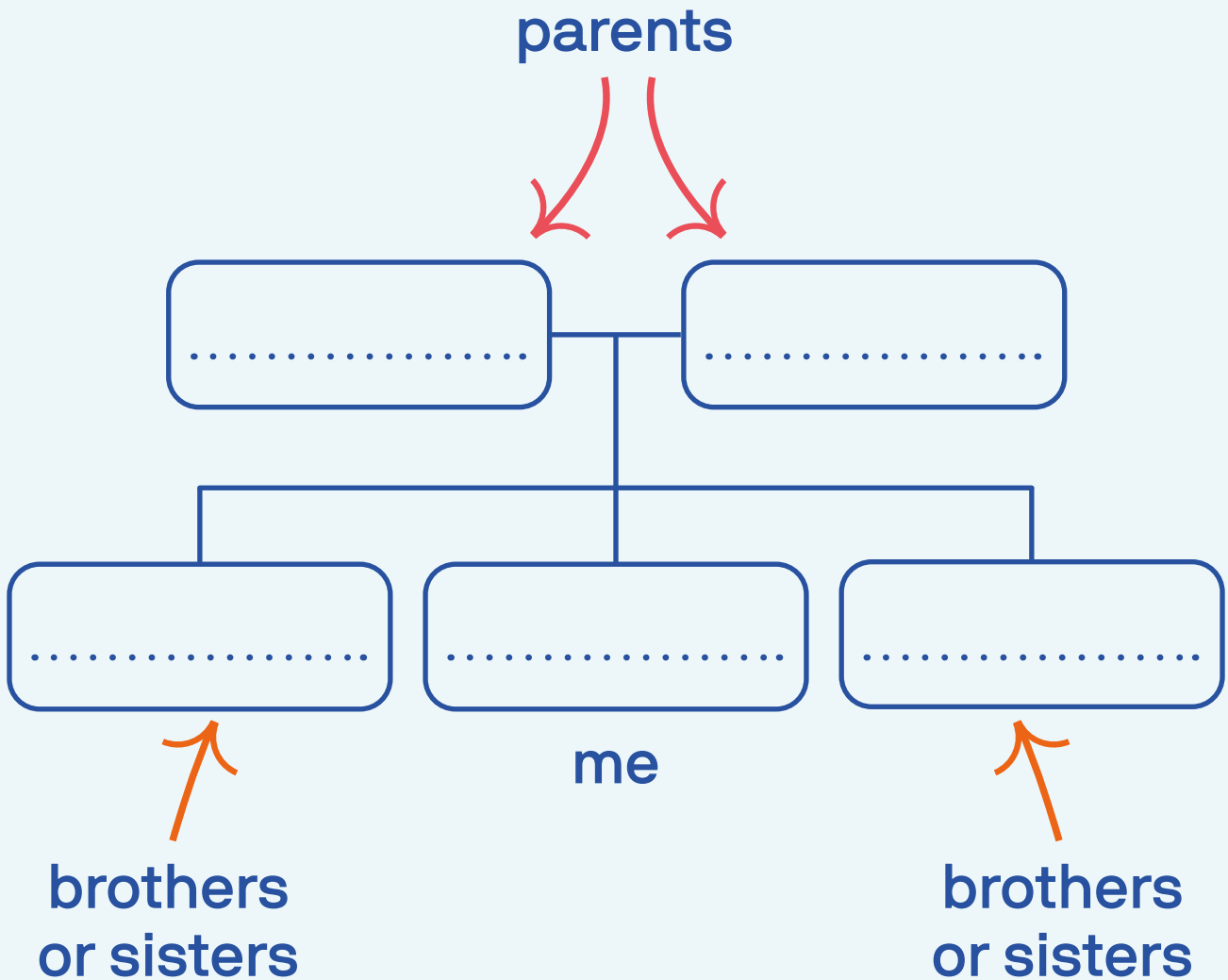
What's a family tree? Well, it's a diagram of all the members of your family.



## 2.



No time to waste! Write the names of all the members of your family in the tree.



### TIP

Ask your mother, father, brother or sister for help!



2.

## EXTRA

We cannot see all our family members at the moment and that's a pity. But we can dream of the things we will soon be able to do. Make a list here of all the nice activities you want to do with your family.

**What I want to do ...**

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## 3. 3. Mega mother art quiz

Now that we have a family tree, it's time to dig a little deeper. How well do you really know your family?

Ask your mother or someone else in your family the following questions and find out which artist is best suited to him or her!

*If my mother was going to buy a new work of art, she would choose...*

- *a sculpture*
- *a painting*
- *a drawing*







### 3.

*My mother is..*

- *brave and self-confident*
- *cheerful and fun*
- *critical and interested in politics*

*When my mother visits a museum, she is drawn to*

- *realistic images*
- *crazy colours*
- *animals*

*If my mother could choose from three materials to make something, she would choose ...*

- *bronze*
- *textile*
- *pencil and paper*



3.

*If my mother could do one good deed, she would ...*

- *improve the rights of women in the world*
- *organize a children's workshop in a hospital*
- *get involved in politics*

Ready? Then count how many yellow, green and orange buttons you have collected.

The button you count the most times tells you which artist suits one of your family members best.

You can find out below.



### 3.

#### *Jeanne Milde* ●

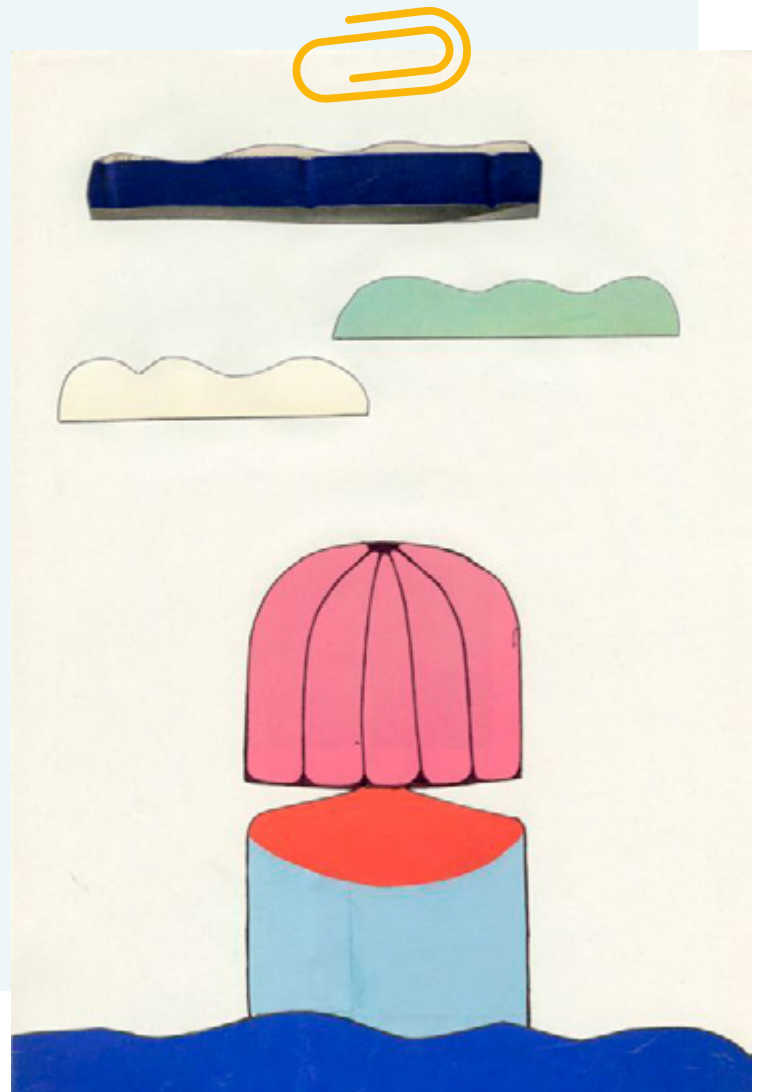
*The artist Jeanne Milde was a lady who knew her own mind. She was the only girl on the sculpture course she enrolled for at the age of 18. That was very courageous because in her day young girls were supposed to weave or embroider. Sculpting was only for boys. Jeanne took no notice!*



### 3.

#### Nel Aerts ●

*The artist Nel Aerts loves crazy colours. She is a real Jill of all trades but she likes working with textiles best. Though she adores painting too. Nel also loves children. A while ago she invited children in Leuven hospital to experiment with her and make blankets.*

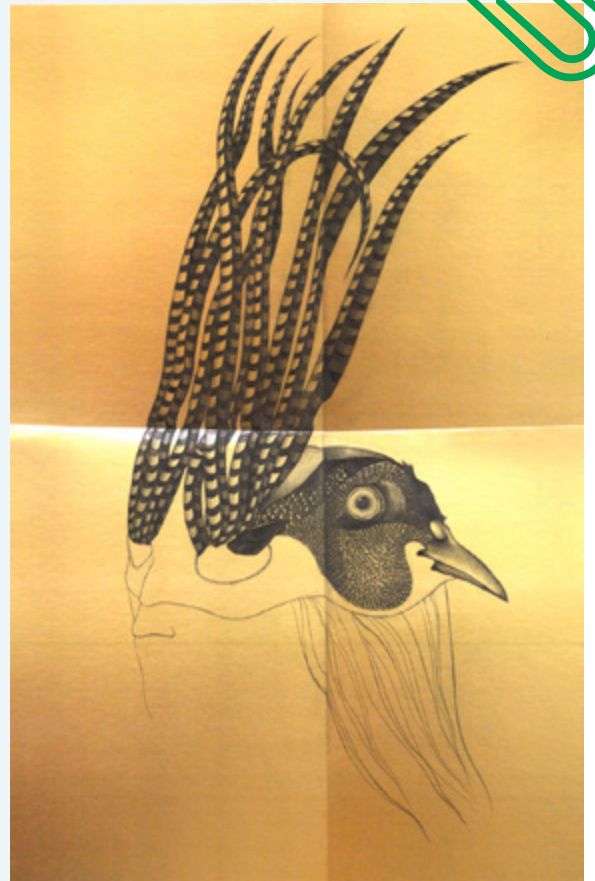


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### *Alexandra Chaushova* ●

*The artist Alexandra Chaushova was born in Bulgaria, which is where she learned to draw so beautifully. Just look at this!*

*She is potty about animals and often draws them. And she is interested in politics.*



### TIP

If you can't get enough of these artists, take a look at our website and [visit the exhibitions virtually.](#)

## 4. Yoga for young and old

After all that brainwork, it's time for something physical. See how fit you are!

Ask your mum – or someone else you like - to try these yoga exercises with you.



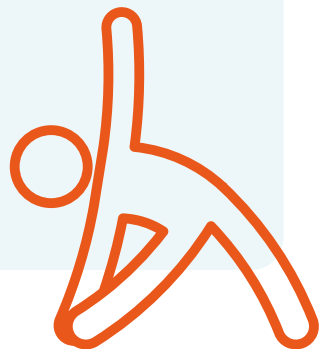
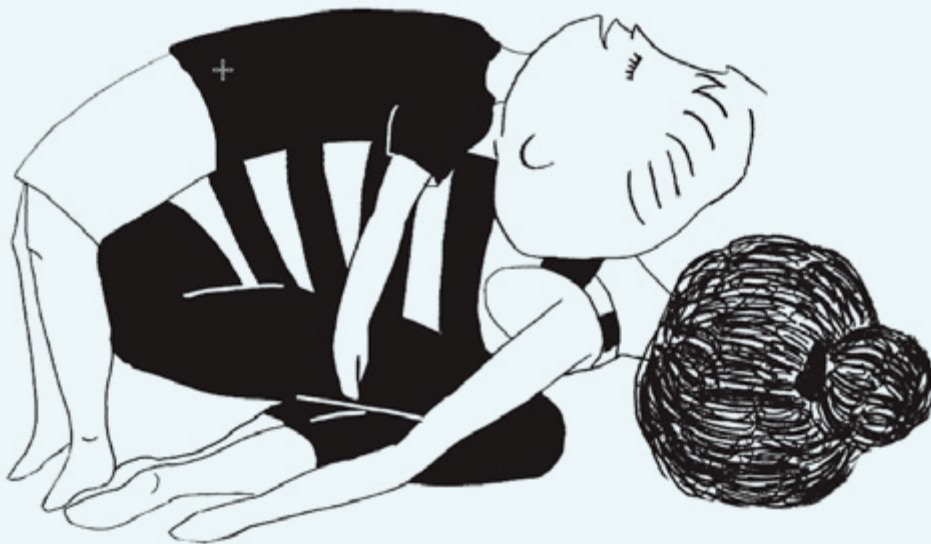
# 4.

## 1. Sunbathing lizard

*Mum kneels down and then sits back on her heels with her chest on her lap.*

*Then you lie backwards on her back. Relax your head, arms and legs.*

*Now breathe slowly in and out.*



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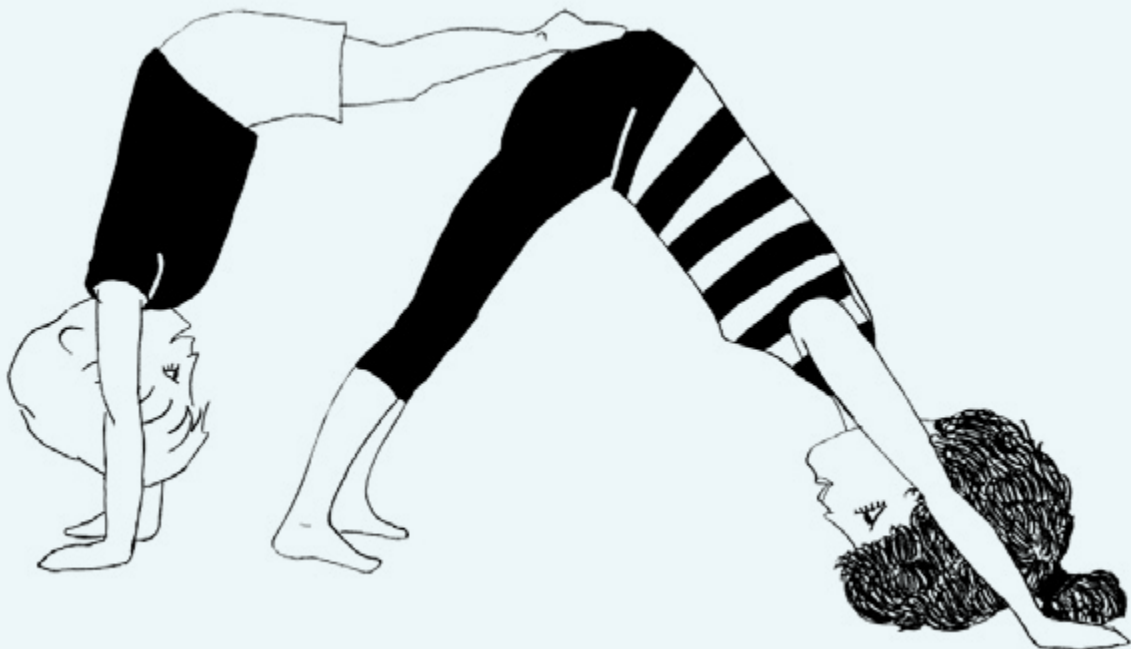


## 2. For daredevils

*Begin on hands and knees, each facing in a different direction with your feet touching.*

*Then mum straightens her legs and stretches out her back and arms in an arch shape.*

*You lift one foot at a time, placing them flat on mum's hips.*





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### 3. Fierce warriors

*Stand side by side, the outside of your feet touching.*

*Take a big step to the side and bend your outside knee. Extend your arms and hold each other's left and right wrist firmly.*

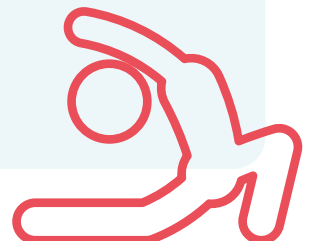
*Now reach to the side as far as you can with your other hand.*



# 4.

## 4. *Sitting saw*

*Sit opposite each other with outstretched legs. Place your legs between your mother's. Hold each other's hands and rock backwards and forwards.*





## Colophon

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