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- ▶ Stefan Saal is a sculptor.
- ▶ When Stefan was small, his family had a cabinet.



- ▶ Stefan liked to look at the carvings on the cabinet.
- ▶ When Stefan grew up, he became a sculptor.



Stefan carves wood. A sculptor works hard. The work is not quick.



One day, Stefan was carving big chunks of wood. A girl and her family came by to watch him.



- ▶ “This work is not quick,” the girl said.
- ▶ “A sculptor can’t quit until the work is done,” said Stefan.



- “How do you get ideas for your work?” the girl asked.
- “I like to read,” said Stefan.



“I like to read books about stars and planets. I like to read books about shapes.”



- “What is this work about?” the girl asked. Stefan grinned.
- “What do you see?” he asked.



- ▶ “I see a family,” said the girl.
- ▶ “This is about a family,” said Stefan. “Which one do you like best?”



“What does this writing say?” a boy asked. Stefan helped the boy read the writing on his sculpture.



- ▶ When Stefan goes home, he sees the cabinet. He still likes the carvings as much as he did when he was a boy.

Think and Respond

- 1 What did Stefan like to look at when he was small?
- 2 What material does Stefan carve?
- 3 Why does it take patience to be a sculptor?
- 4 Where does Stefan get ideas for his work?
- 5 What do you want to do when you grow up?



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Make a Family Book Write a story about something you enjoy doing. Draw pictures or glue photographs on the cover of your story.



School-Home Connection After you read aloud the story to a family member, use modeling clay to make your own sculpture.