

**TimeSlips** is an innovative storytelling technique that helps residents with dementia use their imaginations to tell a story. Residents with memory loss and communication challenges enjoy weaving many topics together to form a story.

### The Family Picnic and Reunion with the Kids Forming a Band



Well there.... says **Anne**. Are they feeding him lunch?

**Shirley** thinks that it looks like a group of people; one man is hugging an old lady with his hands around her shoulders doing a dance. There are little kids just looking at them and watching them dance.

Shirley says "there's a man in the background and they might have some instruments" while **Adele** says "there's no sound."

According to **Carolyn**, "there's a bunch of boys with their heads together, planting something." It looks like a family party says **Charlotte**.

He's dancing with his mother and the audience is watching them, the music is not loud enough, so they're dancing without music. The people watching are enjoying it and the group is forming a band. They know each other says **Rose**.

Happy, they feel happy says **Shirley**. **Rose and Anne** agree.

The son is talking on the phone with someone. They're watching him says **Rose**. It looks like they all came in to watch. They were practicing said **Adele**.

**Rose** says "they're working out a problem anyway." After they practice they will form a band and dance says **Adele**. **Charlotte** really doesn't know what they'll do next.

Are they related? **Adele** says they're not related, but **Rose** says yes they're related. There's a mother, and ones a grandmother. The grandmother's name is Bubbela. **Anne** agrees.

She doesn't know who the guy is but **Adele** thinks someone drove him to the gathering. Others think they came to the gathering as a family by boat and by bus.

While laughing, **Adele** says, "they're dancing to songs of Hip-hop and their family is from somewhere in a club in Atlanta." **Rose** agrees.

The photo was taken in 2001 in the summertime or springtime and they have an audience of children watching them. The boys are named Mutt and Jeff, says **Shirley**. **Rose** thinks they're brothers and sisters.

I didn't even see them there, they're confused says **Adele**. The kids feel left out and that's better than being confused. The group in the back is laughing, harmonizing, practicing, and shooting crap and dice. They're prompting the family to get together, including the children. They're learning a lesson on how to get along with people.

**Adele** wants to know if they ever harmonized a song or made up a song?

**Rose** doesn't believe they were singing but **Adele** thinks they're singing a bee-bop song.

**Charlotte** says the name of the tune is Sweet Adeline.

**Adele** says, there's no leader of the band, they're all doing it together."

**Rose** says, "the leader could be the mother, the father, or the son; the whole family got together. They're good people. The mother or the grandmother of the group is the oldest and the wisest is the grandmother. She would like to take this back with her group and see what they do with it."

What does it smell like? The smell at the get together is stinky like garbage says **Adele** but **Shirley** says it smells good like fried chicken. **Charlotte** believes it smells like fresh air, maybe. **Anne's** not sure what it smells like.

**Rose and Anne** want to join the party and **Adele & Shirley** say no.

How does the story end? According to **Adele**, the story ends with THE END or they formed a nice band and everyone is dancing. If they're practicing they should have made up a song. While laughing, she says "I like the story line my father always used: THEY ALL DIE!"

**Rose** would like to end the story with everyone going to the party and **Charlotte** says they shake hands and kiss good night.