

Visiting the Carter with Children



Prepare your children for their visit to the museum

- ¶ With your children, browse the museum's Web site to learn more about the museum and become familiar with the works of art in the collection. Select a work of art to find and discuss while in the museum. The Web address for the museum is <http://www.cartermuseum.org>. There are more works of art in the museum's collection than are presented online. The works of art in the museum are rotated often to give you an opportunity to see the many collections; therefore, some works that you see online might not be on view during your visit.

Explore the museum together

- ¶ Plan to stay in the museum for as long as your children are interested. A half hour to an hour is often enough time for a young child. Older children may have more stamina. If you get tired, but still want to look and talk about works of art, feel free to sit on the gallery floor.
- ¶ Choose a theme, such as animals or heroes, and look for works of art that support that theme. Young children, in particular, enjoy investigating works of art that tell a story.
- ¶ Let your children choose the works of art they want to see or discuss. When they find something interesting, encourage them to look carefully. Ask them to share their ideas about what they see. For school-age children, ask if it reminds them of something they have learned at school.
- ¶ Visit one of the museum's Focus Galleries, where you can learn more about the collection through books, computers, and hands-on materials.

Museum manners

- 📖 Please do not touch the works of art. *Why?* The oils and perspiration on a single human finger (even a clean finger) can eventually disfigure a work of art. That is why we ask you not to touch. If you forget to stay a safe distance from the work of art, a helpful gallery attendant will remind you not to get too close.
- 📖 Please, no food or drinks in the museum. *Why?* Spills can happen even when we are very careful.

Create memories

- 📖 Before you leave, stop by the Museum Store, and let each child buy a postcard of their favorite work of art to help them remember their museum experience.
- 📖 At the Information Desk, ask to be put on the mailing list to find out about future programs for families.
- 📖 On your way home or at your next meal, share your thoughts about the museum. Talk about what you would like to see and do on your next visit.
- 📖 At home, give your child a blank note card or sheet of paper. Ask them to draw their favorite artwork on one side and to write about their museum experience on the other side. Mail this unique card to a grandparent, family member, good friend, or keep it in your child's scrapbook.
- 📖 Over the next few days, visit your library to borrow books, videos, or DVDs about art. Explore the Web together to learn about other artists and museums.
- 📖 Plan a trip to visit the museum again.



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Front:

William H. Johnson (1901-1970)
Fright, ca. 1942
Modified screen print
Amon Carter Museum,
Fort Worth, Texas
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Back:

Lewis Hine (1874-1940)
*A Russian Family Group
at Ellis Island, 1905*
Gelatin silver print
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Fort Worth, Texas
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