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HEALTH & FAMILY LIFE: THE FAMILY TREE



Hi there students, I want to introduce you to Tavon and Chantel. I want you to meet their brothers and sisters, cousins, as well as the rest of their family. Right now Tavon and Chantel live with their grandmother, mother, mother's husband, a brother, a sister, an aunt (their mother's sister) and a cousin. Let's start by going back about 16 years and learning more about Tavon and Chantel's family.

One Saturday night **Mary** goes to a party with her friends and there meets **Al**. Al is 20 years old and he looks good. He and Mary spend a lot of time together at the party. Al starts to visit Mary at home quite often but **Esther** (Mary's mother) doesn't think this is a good idea. Esther tells Mary she needs to spend more time on her homework and less time with Al. Mary doesn't listen, instead she starts going over to Al's house. Al lives with his grandmother and 2 older cousins. Mary and Al are alone quite a bit. A few months later Mary finds out she's pregnant. Mary has a little boy **Tavon**.

Mary sees less of Al after Tavon is born, although sometimes he comes around with gifts. Mary goes back to school, so her mother Esther takes care of Tavon most of the time. One evening Mary is hanging out with some friends and she meets **John**. John has a car, and he invites Mary to go riding with him. Mary likes John and agrees to go with. Mary and John date for a couple of years and during that time Mary becomes pregnant and has a little girl (**Chantel**). After a few years Mary and John break up. John moves to a town on another island.

One day Mary sees **David** an old friend she has known for many years. David is 25 years old and works with a construction company. He has recently moved out of the house he was sharing with his girlfriend **Yvonne**, and their son **Brian** who is 7 years old. David and Mary start seeing each other and in about a year they get married. Two years later, **Tamika** is born and a year later **Cory** is born. David and Mary have their own apartment and Tavon who still lives with Esther his grandmother starts to spend weekends with them. David's son Brian, lives with his mother, Yvonne.

Now let's move to the present. David and Mary have moved back in with Mary's mother, Esther, because David lost his construction job last year. Mary's sister **Ebony** (Tavon and Chantel's aunt) and her 2-year old son **Omar** are also living with Esther. Everyone living in Esther's house respects each other and shares the responsibilities in the house.



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