

Family Sand Ritual

Spouse 1 and Spouse 2 have decided to share a special ritual today with their children, symbolizing the merging of all of their lives as a family.

(Insert children's names here), would you join us at the table.

There is one colour for each of your families in your jars. Each of you have your own unique beauty, strength, and character. When you are together, you become much more than you are alone.

We begin with a layer of white sand, which symbolizes the foundation of your relationship.

(James pours the white sand)

Now Spouse 2, please pour about half your sand into this larger jar.

Next, Spouse 1, please pour about half your sand.

This represents the combined strength of your love for each other, which provides a firm and solid foundation for your family.

*Now, let's start with **Child 1**. Please pour half your sand.*

***Child 2** you are next. Pour half your sand.*

***Child 3**, your turn. Pour half your sand.*

*Now **Child 4**, go ahead, pour half your sand.*

Now the fun part! All of you pour the rest of your sand together at the same time.

This signifies your commitment to blend together your strengths, your talents, and your brilliance.

Finally, I will add another layer of white sand, representing all your guests and loved ones who, in love, support you as a family.

(James pours the white sand)