

A Day Out Together



Georgette Chen. *East Coast Vendor*. 1960. Oil on canvas, 92 x 73 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

When was the last time you spent some time outdoors with your family? What is your favourite memory of an activity you and your family did together? Let's take a look at a painting that shows a family having a day out together.

Observe the painting on the left.

- Where do you think this place is? What do you think the people in the painting are doing?
- Notice the basket the woman is carrying. What do you think is in it?
- How do you think the woman and children are related?
- How do you think the children are feeling? Why do you think so?

In 1960, Georgette Chen visited the East Coast of Malaysia, and painted this scene of a woman with two children by the shore after her trip. Chen paid close attention to details, like their outfits and expressions. You may also catch a glimpse of the rambutans peeking out from the basket. The woman holding the basket may have been a rambutan seller. The children by her side are looking at the painter with a mix of curiosity and delight.

The theme of "mother and child" is one that Chen frequently portrays in her paintings. Do come to the Gallery and find out more about other related artworks like *Mother and Child* and *Hakka Family* in the special exhibition, *Georgette Chen: At Home in the World* today!



What do you think the mother and her children did after posing for this painting? Paint some suggestions in the space above!



Take a moment to think of the best day out you have had with your family. Sketch it in the space below!