Basic Functions of the Family (Key)

Match the following family activities with the functions of the family that are being carried out during the activity. Provide five additional functions or activities of the family. Explain your choices below. (Some may have more than one right answer.)

B, D 1. Reading a bedtime story
C 2. Preparing family meals
A, D 3. Assigning chores to family members
C 4. Working to fulfill financial needs of the family
C, D 5. Playing baseball
D 6. Attending a religious service
A, D 7. Teaching a child table manners
A, D 8. Providing music, dance or gymnastic lessons for your child
C 9. Providing medical care for your child
A, B 10. Providing encouragement to your child
B 11. Giving your child a hug and showing him or her affection
C 12. Purchasing clothing and shoes
A 13. Saving money for your child’s college expenses
B, C, D 14. Taking a preschool child to the park
D 15. Redirecting and providing guidance to an appropriate activity

______ 16. (Answers will vary)
______ 17. (Answers will vary)
______ 18. (Answers will vary)
______ 19. (Answers will vary)
______ 20. (Answers will vary)

21. Explain how some of the above activities could fulfill more than one function of the family.
(Sample answer) Some activities, such as taking a preschool child to the park, not only fulfill physical needs for exercise but also provide opportunities to socialize with other children and encourage bonding time with parent.