**Chapter 1: Kinship First - Supporting Materials**

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a kinship first perspective? How is it a useful way to examine HIV and orphan care in Lesotho?
2. Given the unreliability of memory, do you think Basotho people's recollections of the past are useful in understanding their experiences? Explain.
3. Block argues that care has become one of the primary organizing principles of social life in Lesotho. How does this compare to the role of care in your family?
4. What is the meaning of sharing food for Basotho? How is this similar or different from shared food in your family?
5. What kinds of naming practices do Basotho families follow when a child is born? What are the similarities and differences between Basotho naming practices and your family's naming practices? What is the significance of your name?
6. What is the connection between the *pater* and *genitor* for Basotho? Provide an example from the book to illustrate this. How does this differ from your society's view of these roles? Can you think of any examples from your own society where the *pater* and *genitor* are considered separately?
7. What purposes and significance do houses have for Basotho people? How does this differ from the purposes and significance of houses in your own family/society?
8. What is patrilineality? What are some of the practices that reinforce patrilineal social organization? How has their significance changed over time?

Activity:

Draw a picture of your house (or part of your house - perhaps the outside, or a single room). Think about the space and the objects inside the house - what do they say about your family? What do they reveal? What do they obscure or leave out? How does the space itself shape the relationships that play out within its walls? Label the significant features of your drawing and share them with a partner or group.

Compare your labelled drawings with your partner/group. What similarities/differences do you notice? Can you say anything general about material culture or houses from them?