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Week

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Smart Activities



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Virtual Field Trip: Family First Camping Trip

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhhJF8s1p9s>

Instructions:

1. Watch video with your child.
2. Ask questions about the field trip. I.e., "Would you like to take a family camping trip? What fun things will you look forward to?"



Pete the Cat Goes Camping

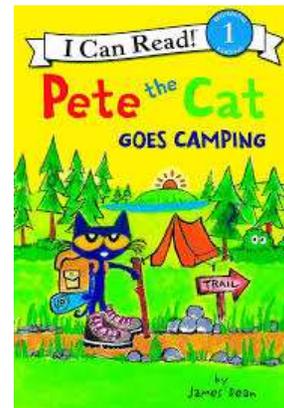
by James Dean

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9c8bKE7K44>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

Listen to this read aloud book with your child.



Tents Under the Stars

Materials: construction paper, popsicle sticks, stars, crayons/markers, glue sticks

Preparation: Gather material

Instructions:

1. Make tent: form three popsicle sticks into a triangle (have a quick review of triangles) and glue onto construction paper.
2. Encourage/assist your child in adding stars to the sky. Draw camp features around tent (sticks, bugs, picnic table, campfire, etc.)
3. Design tent with paint, crayons, etc.



Aha4kids.org

Missing Worms

Materials: bin, dirt (pasta or chocolate pudding), toy worms (optional: candy worms), shovel or rake

Preparation: Pour dirt into bin, add worms (making some visible and hiding others in dirt). Add items for digging. (Make chocolate pudding if using)

Instructions:

1. Place bin on the ground or table where children have easy access.
2. Introduce your child to the activity and explain that there are several worms trying to hide from us. Encourage him/her to find them.
3. Allow your child to use his/her imagination and create different scenarios.



Maisy Goes Camping

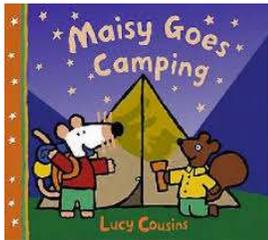
by Lucy Cousins

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4Hfl6bNkuk&t=17s>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story. i.e. "Who went camping with Maisy? How did they all fit in the tent?"



Toy Hunt

Materials: construction paper, marker, toys

Preparation: Using construction paper, make number cards with corresponding circles, ex: write the number 4 and draw four circles next to it.

Instructions:

1. Review numbers 1-6 with your child.
2. Encourage your child to find one toy to go in every circle on the card.
3. After finding a toy for each circle, have your child count all the objects on the number card and say the number.
4. If your child counts incorrectly (too less or too many), model the correct way and allow them to try again on their own.

Building a Camp Fire

Materials: plastic container/water bottle, red and yellow paint, small flashlight, rocks

Preparation: Remove any stickers from bottle. If using a water bottle, cut off the top half.

Instructions:

1. Have a conversation with your child about the importance of campfires (for food, heat, etc.).
2. Paint flames on the container/bottle using red and yellow paint.
3. Set your "campfire" over flashlight and add small rocks around the campfire.



Homemade S'mores

Materials: graham cracker, chocolate, marshmallows, paper plate

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Break graham cracker in half and lay both halves on the plate.
2. Top with a square of chocolate and heat marshmallow. Add on top of the chocolate.
3. Place the other graham cracker half on top of the marshmallow and slightly press down.
4. Enjoy!
5. Ask children what other snacks would be fun to make around campfires.



Grant Village Campground Yellowstone National Park

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56nDwVmGUOU>

Instructions:
Watch this virtual tour with your child.



<https://www.yellowstone.co/maps/grant.htm>

A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee

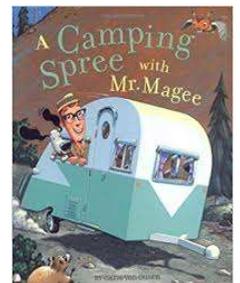
by Chris Van Dusen

Materials: internet access, website:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or_2aEhHv28

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story. i.e. "Who went camping with Mr. Magee? What snack did the Bear want?"



Camping Scavenger Hunt

Materials: paper bag to collect items

Instructions:

1. With your children search for the following items while talking about their characteristics
 - a. Rough
 - b. Crunchy
 - c. Tiny
 - d. Heavy
 - e. Broken
 - f. Fuzzy
 - g. Brown
 - h. Hard
 - i. Smooth
 - j. Flat



<https://www.thepragmaticparent.com/nature-scavenger-hunt-pdf/>

Freeze Dance

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UcZWxvgMZE>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:
Participate with your child in singing, dancing, and doing the movements in lyrics.



<https://www.whatsonglasgow.co.uk/activities/children:-pre-school-activities/>

Curious George Goes Camping

by Margret Rey

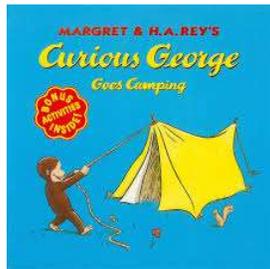
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cNmFmMD9A4>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story, ex: "How was George going to cook the marshmallows? What animals did George see?"



Plastic Cup Lantern

Materials: plastic cup, tissue paper (various colors), glue, battery/electric tea candle

Preparation: Gather materials. Punch two holes on opposite sides of the plastic cups.

Instructions:

1. Engage your child in a discussion about lanterns (what they are, their purpose, and how to use them).
2. Give your child a plastic cup. Allow him/her to rip, cut, tear, etc. tissue paper and glue onto cup.
3. Allow time to dry. Add a string and candle.
4. Hang outside on tree.



Take a Hike

Materials: bottle of water, (optional: bicycle)

Instructions:

As a family, take a hike through your neighborhood having various conversations.



Tracing with Sprinkles

Materials: sprinkles (or flour), shallow container

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Place sprinkles in the bottom of the container.
2. Practice tracing shapes, numbers, letters, and drawings in the sprinkles.
3. Continue activity until children lose interest.



Angels Landing Trail, Zion National Park, Utah

Materials: internet access, website:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Jn0p9YpMCI

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Watch video with your child.
2. Ask questions about the video, ex: "How many miles could you hike? What items would you take?"



<https://www.zionnationalpark.com/explore/things-to-do/hike/>

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

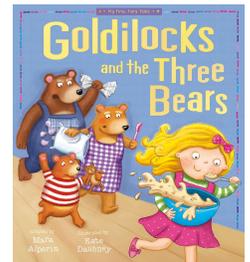
by Robert Southey

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR2M0QuLPZs>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story, "Did you have porridge for breakfast?" "Who bed did Goldilocks sleep in?"



Nature Faces

Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue, nature materials (sticks, leaves, rocks, grass, flowers, etc.)

Preparation: Gather nature items with your child outside. Draw a big oval on the construction paper and cut it out.

Instructions:

1. Give children oval that was cut out during preparation.
2. Help children make complete faces while talking about their facial features. Help/guide children when placing eyes, nose, and mouth.
3. Allow time to dry.



<https://www.makeandtakes.com/fal6faces>

S'mores on a Stick

Materials: chocolate chips, marshmallows, graham crackers, lollipop sticks, cookie sheet, parchment paper

Preparation: Gather materials. Crush graham crackers.

Instructions:

1. Stick marshmallows on the lollipop sticks.
2. Melt chocolate chips.
3. Dip marshmallow in chocolate and roll in crushed graham crackers.
4. Place s'mores on parchment paper lined cookie sheet and allow time for chocolate to harden.
5. Enjoy!



<https://keeprecipes.com/recipe/howtocook/smores-stick>