



Parent-Child Activity

Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer

*Go on your own Wonder Walk! Take a walk around your neighborhood, local park, or library and wonder at what you see and notice.

*Make your own cut-paper collage! Layer tissue paper and cardstock to recreate your favorite outdoor scene. Check out the "How Does She Do That?" video on the author's website and try making your own patterned paper for an extra layer of fun!



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Have You Seen Gordon? By Adam Jay Epstein

*Create an "I Spy" Bottle using these instructions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2-QyV_cZ1U

* Draw your own "Seek and Find" puzzle. Think of a theme (animals, shapes, food, vehicles, etc.) and fill up your paper with pictures. Then, make a list of what people will find in your puzzle and share with a friend!



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Bodies Are Cool by Tyler Feder

* Draw a self portrait and show your body in all it's beauty! Take it larger and do a body tracing as well!

* Make an "All About My Body" book. Ask how many eyes do you have? How many fingers? How many noses? Draw out the answers! All bodies with all their unique variations can be celebrated.



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Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It) by Carrie Finison

*Create a choice board with different ways to show people you care for them. This can include actions like hugs, high fives, knuckle bumps, etc. Then, ask different people you know how they would like to be shown that they are cared for by you.

*How many ways can you high five? Use the page "Doug is a master of high fives." for inspiration and practice using them.



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Circle Under Berry by Carter Higgins

*Play with shapes! Cut out the shapes mentioned in the book.. I wonder... how can they be combined into new creations? I wonder what we can add to make an animal? A building? Food?

*Using the same shapes as before (or the reproducible illustrations on the author's website), rearrange the shapes in front of you. What is over? Under? Besides? In the middle? To the left? I wonder how else could we arrange the pieces? I wonder how else might we describe our picture?



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Norman Didn't Do It (Yes, He Did) by Ryan T. Higgins

*Color and enjoy activity sheets provided by the publisher! <https://books.disney.com/content/uploads/2021/03/NormanDidntDoIt-ActShts-2753-FINAL.pdf>

* Learn about the lifecycle of a tree with Project Learning Tree's "A Tree's Life" Activity sheet.

https://www.plt.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/PLT_Family-Activity_A-Trees-Life.pdf



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Atticus Caticus by Sarah Maizes

*The author uses rhythmic text and rhyming words to tell the story. Create a poem about your pet or your favorite animal.

*The illustrator created the pictures to look as if they were drawn by a young artist, using scribbles and colored pencils. Simple lines and shading make the characters come to life. Take a close look at Atticus. Can you draw and color him, to look the same way that he does in the book?



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Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack by Stacy McAnulty

*Look at the end pages and discuss the different animals' brains. Are they big or small? Do they have lots of wrinkles or just a few? What does all that mean? Which one would a Zombie think is the tastiest?

*Using your own head, point and name the different parts of your brain.



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Butterflies Are Pretty...Gross! By Rosemary Mosco

*Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood or a nearby park. What insects do you see? Observe what they look like and what they are doing and write down or draw what you find.

*Visit the National Wildlife Federation to find 10 more ways your family can enjoy nature at home while supporting butterfly habitats:
<https://blog.nwf.org/2020/04/10-ways-to-nature-play-at-home/>



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One-osaurus, Two-osaurus by Kim Norman

*Learn how to count to 10 with one hand by watching this video: <https://youtu.be/Op981F9MVOE>

* Play hide and seek with your family and/or friends. Count to 10 like the dinosaurs in the book. Then play Simon Says-osaur and add "osaurus" to your words.



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Chez Bob by Bob Shea

*Make your own bird's nest using miscellaneous items in your craft supplies. Blow up a small balloon so that it easily fits in a bowl. Mix white glue with a small amount of water until it's thinned out. Dip your different materials in the mixture, squeeze out the excess, and layer on the balloon. Allow it to fully dry, then pop the balloon.

*Bob only has one thing on his menu: birdseed! What would you put on your menu? Create your own menu. Don't forget to add prices, draw pictures of the meals, and give your restaurant a name!



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Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite! By Ashley Spires

*Make a spider web in your doorway and see what sticks!
<https://handsonaswegrow.com/spider-web-halloween/>

* Build your own Super Bug using this Burt the Beetle activity sheet:
https://www.kidscanpress.com/sites/default/files/products/assets/BurtTheBeetleDoesntBite_2685_activity.pdf



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My First Day by Phung Nguyen Quang & Huynh Kim Lien

- *The story takes place in the Mekong River Delta. Use a library database to find more information about this part of the world. Find 3 facts about the area.
- * Draw and label a map from where you live, to your school. Draw a path on the map to show how you would get to school.



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Not Now, Cow by Tammi Sauer

- *Practice dressing for the weather. Create weather cards and have a stack of magazines available. Show children the card and have them create a collage from magazine pictures based on that card.
- * Cow likes to relax by a big tree. Have children draw 4 trees by tracing their arm and hand. Then children can decorate the trees based on each season.



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The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer

- *Can you tell a story without words? Staple several stacked blank pages together on one side to create a book, then draw pictures on each page that tell a story without using any text.
- * Go through *The Midnight Fair* and talk about what the animals might be saying in each scene if there were words.



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Mel Fell by Corey R. Tabor

- *Do an experiment to see how things fall! Try dropping some common items like a tennis ball, paper clip, and rock from different heights. Which falls the fastest or lands first? Do any of them come back up like Mel?
- *Fish like a Kingfisher! Fill a bowl, bucket, or kiddie pool with water. Use small household objects (LEGOs, pieces of craft foam, plastic silverware to float; paper clips, crayons, metal silverware to sink) as fish. Use a clothespin or tongs as your "beak" to fish the items out! Can you catch something in one try like Mel?



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Seaside Stroll by Charles Trevino

- *Go on an off-season adventure. It could be along a river or the sea in the winter or build a snowman during the summer using a recipe for fake snow. What did you do and see? Write your own story using words that start with one letter.
- * The author was inspired by ASL (American Sign Language) poetry when writing this story. Learn different signs by checking out books and DVDs from your local library or visit: babysignlanguage.com/dictionary/



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Poem In My Pocket by Chris Tougas

- *Create your own poem with magnet poetry. Write a variety of words on small magnet strips, then mix and rhyme to create a fun poem.
- *Acrostic poems are a fun way to learn poetry. The first letters in each line spell out a word, and that is typically the subject of the poem. Start by selecting your word—and then have fun creating!



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Inside Cat by Brendan Wenzel

* Inside Cat finds many unique scenes outside its windows. Create your own window scene using craft sticks, paper, glue, and crayons or markers. Glue four craft sticks together to create a square. Glue two more in a cross shape in the middle. Cut a piece of paper into a square the same size as the stick window. Draw your view or a view you would like to imagine outside your window. Glue around the edges and place the window on top.

* Wander and Wonder around your house. What do you see? Does it change when it's a different time of year? Pick a room and draw what you see. Have a friend or family member draw what they see. Is it the same or different?



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Someone Builds The Dream by Lisa Wheeler

* STEM Challenge: Using straws, craft sticks, and tape, build a bridge that will hold a small toy (matchbox) car.

* Make A Fold In Square Book: Cut 2 rectangle pieces of paper, both the same size. Criss-cross them and glue them together on the one square where they meet. After the glue dries, write on the inside. Close the book by closing the square upon itself.

