

Shepherd 3-Year-Old Activities

Date: March 23, 2020

Theme: Desert

Book: [There Was A Coyote Who Swallowed A Flea](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TINBBSfZjs&t=64s) by Jennifer Ward
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Craft: Paper Plate Snakes

Literacy: Compare/Contrast Desert Items
Letter U practice

Math: Sort by Color

Science: What Melts in the Sun?

Outdoor Activity: AZ Desert Scavenger Hunt

Bible Lesson: Zacchaeus
<https://youtu.be/5BjtbJFz2ug>

Songs: "Shake My Sillies Out"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03zqJQJRLN0>

Recipe: Homemade Playdoh!

Craft: Paper Plate Snakes

Paint a paper plate green. Let dry and then start cutting a spiral shape into the plate. Leave a rounded "head" at the end of the spiral. Glue on 2 googly eyes and cut a piece of red paper in the shape of a tongue and attach to the mouth of the snake. Feel free to add some scales to your snake using different colored paint, paper cut into triangles, stickers, etc.

Modified option would be to color your paper plate green using crayons or markers and draw on eyes



Literacy: Compare & Contrast

During your desert scavenger hunt or even just in your backyard, gather some desert items. Some ideas would be different types of rocks, flowers, leaves, sticks, etc.

Then explain to your child what both compare and contrast mean...

“Comparing and contrasting are looking at what is the same and what is different between two things.”

Compare – similar

Contrast – different

For example, let’s say you have a brown leaf and a brown rock. Ask your child these questions...

What is similar between these two objects? Is the color the same? Do they feel the same?

What is different between these two objects? Is one smooth? Is one rough?

Continue this with all the desert items you gathered!!

Letter U Practice – U Toss

Materials: egg carton, paper towel roll, cardboard or cereal box, and permanent marker.

First, cut a hole in an egg carton just big enough to fit the paper towel roll.

Then, draw a U on either a piece of cardboard or cereal box. Help your child cut this out. Write a few U words and add some pictures!

Finally, toss the U’s, trying your best to make them attach to the paper towel roll!



Math: Sort By Color

Gather items from around the house of 3-4 colors.

Legos, buttons, crayons, magnet tiles, or even different colored paper cut into squares work great.

Choose the colors you would like your child to sort and lay out coordinating pieces of construction paper! Have different colored bowls? These work great too! Take turns with your child matching your object to the appropriate colored construction paper.

Science: What melts in the sun?

First, grab a muffin tin and some assorted objects like:

- A lego
- A wooden block
- A rock
- Butter
- A cube of cheese
- A marble
- A quarter
- A piece of chocolate
- Three crayons
- A cube cut off a bar of soap

Put each items in a well of the tray.

Before putting the tray out in the sun, have your child make predictions about what items they think will melt and which items will not.

Place the tray in the sun and set a timer for 10+ minutes.

When the time is up, go check the tray and observe what melted.



Outdoor Activity: AZ Desert Scavenger Hunt

Check off the items that you see on a walk around your neighborhood or even just in your backyard! You can also practice your counting and see how many of each you see!

___ Saguaro Cactus

___ Bug

___ Snake (Hope you don't see any of these!)

___ Lizard

___ Tree

___ Butterfly

___ Prickly Pear Cactus

___ Quail

___ Song Bird

___ Smooth Rock

___ Bumpy Rock

___ Yellow Wildflower

___ Bush

Recipe: Homemade Playdoh

This is the amount we use in the classroom so feel free to cut the recipe in half for a smaller amount

4 cups flour

1 cup salt

1 tablespoon cream of tartar

4 cups boiling water

1/4-1/2 cup vegetable oil (start with ¼ cup, add more if needed)

1 bottle extract for scented playdoh, if desired

Food coloring or liquid watercolors

Mix all dry ingredients together. Add food coloring and extract to boiling water. Add water mixture to dry ingredients, stir until well mixed. Add oil, stir. Knead hot playdoh...(use rubber gloves while it's hot!). Knead, knead, knead, add more flour if sticky.