

Theme: Circus!

Week 2

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “for the age group “Big Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

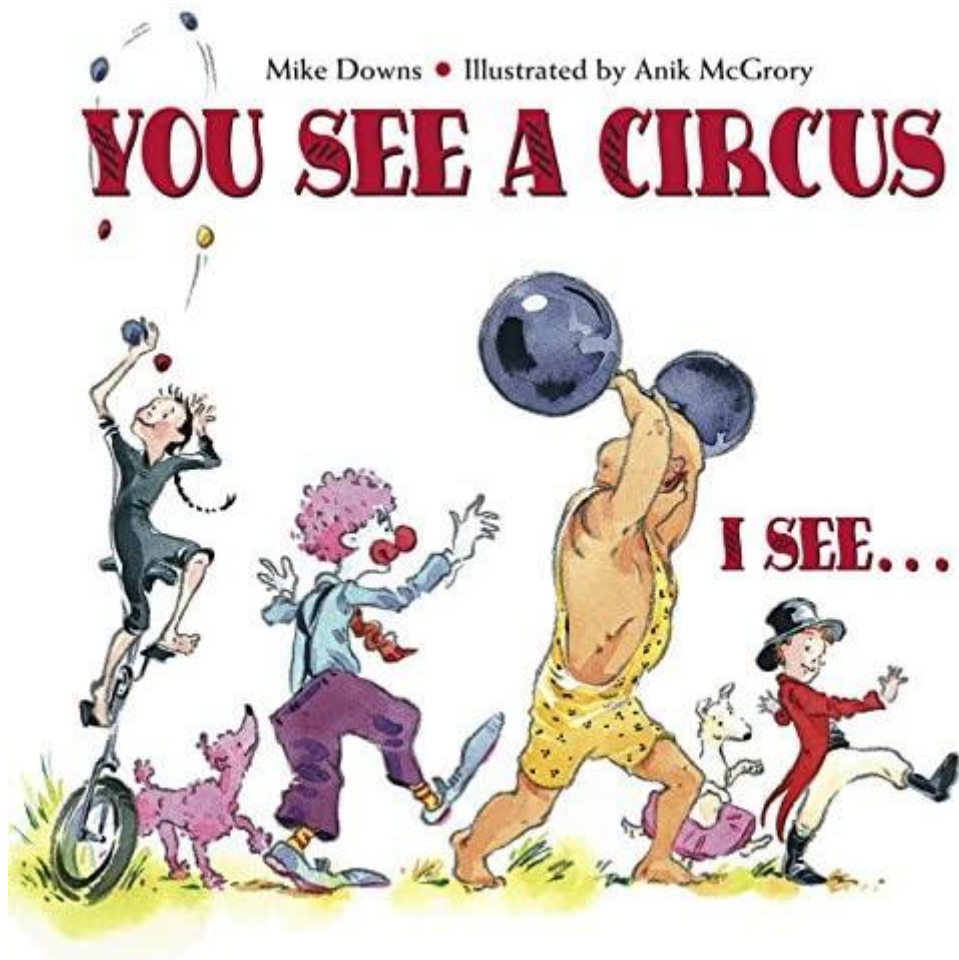
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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases Circus)! -We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



Song Suggestion

Take Me Out to The Circus

Author: Unknown

Take me out to the circus
Take me out to the show
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks
I don't care if I ever get back

Cause it's clap, clap, clap for the jugglers
and laugh, laugh, laugh for the clowns

For it's one, two, three rings of fun at the old big top.



Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



CLOWN



JUGGLER



ACROBAT



COTTON CANDY



POPCORN



CIRCUS TENT

Art Project: Acrobat

What you need for this activity:

- *3 popsicle sticks
- *Glue
- *Blank paper
- *Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- *Child-safe scissors

Directions:

- *Glue the three popsicle sticks together in the shape of a triangle.
- *Ask your child(ren) to draw a picture of themselves (full body)
- *Cut out picture and glue-with legs “hanging” on bottom of triangle to create an acrobat.



Pre-writing Activity

Overlapping circles

What you need for this activity:

*Blank white paper

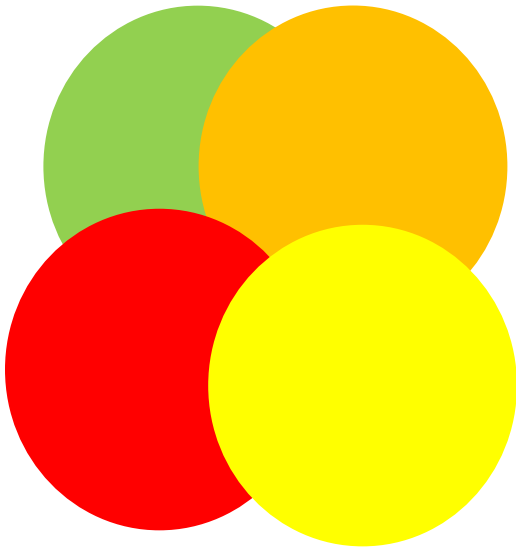
*Crayons/markers

Directions:

*Ask your child to draw circles all over their paper-allowing them to overlap.

Then-color them in-using different colors!

Example:



Math Activity: Juggler Patterns

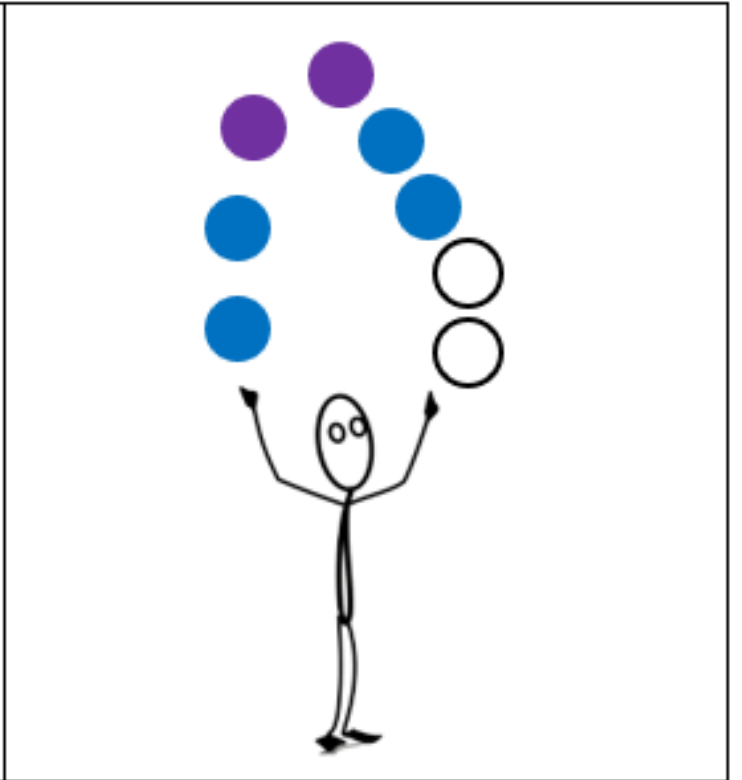
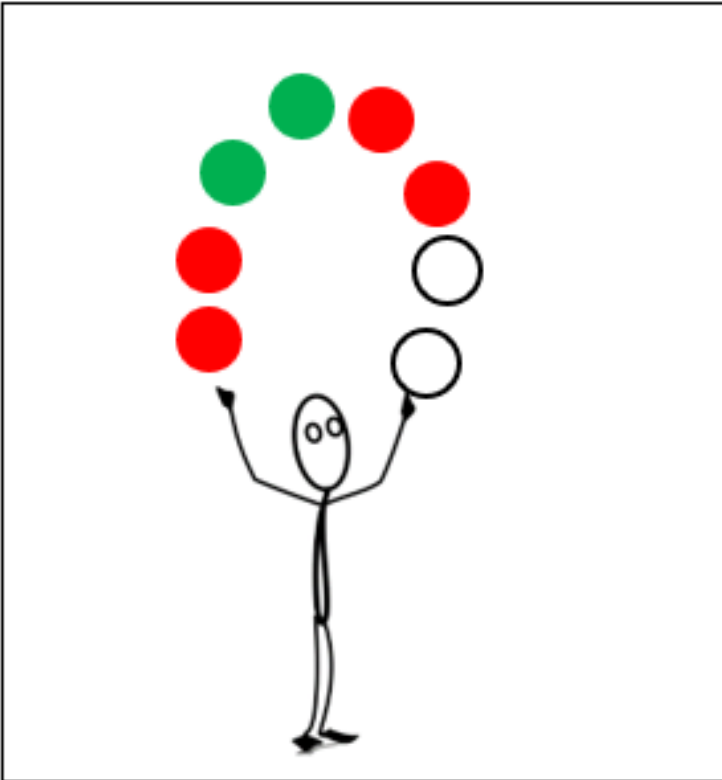
What you need for this activity:

- *Juggler Pattern Page
- *Markers/colored pencils/crayons

Directions:

- *Print off the Juggler pattern page.
- *Ask your child to complete the patterns with the juggler for the first three boxes.

For the fourth box (that has no balls) have your child create their own pattern by drawing balls above the juggler (could be an abab pattern or aabb etc).



Language Activity

Circus Skills Game

What you need for this activity:

- *Circus Skills Game
- *Child-safe Scissors
- *Non-toxic Glue Stick

Directions:

- *Games are a wonderful way for children to practice language skills: following directions of a game, retelling instructions, and of course practicing new vocabulary!
- *Follow the directions on the following game page!

Circus skills game!

Materials needed to play:

Game cards

Game pieces

Crayons/markers

Blank paper

Playdough

Directions:

Cut out the questions cards and glue them onto construction paper according to the color indicated.

Place game pieces (from any game you have) on the start. For their first turn, each child may choose which color card to pick up. If they complete the task, they may roll the dice and move to a new color. On their next turn, they must choose a card based on the color they are on. Whoever gets to finish (circus tent) first wins!

Blue cards:

I am funny and I have a big red nose.

Who am I?

I am made out of sugar and am fluffy.

What am I?

I can throw many things in the air at once and catch them!

Who am I?

I come from corn and can be a salty or sweet treat.

What am I?

Count the syllables in the word:

ACROBAT

Count the syllables in the word:

TENT

Count the syllables in the word:

CIRCUS

Count the syllables in the word:

COTTON CANDY

Red Cards

Jump around like popping corn!

Stand on one foot to balance
like an acrobat!

Pretend to juggle like a juggler!

Act goofy like a clown!

Jump around like popping corn!

Put your hands in a triangle
above your head like a circus
tent!

Twirl your hands in a circle like
you're twirling cotton candy!

Do a somersault or a dance!

Yellow Cards

Draw a picture of cotton candy using crayons or markers.

Use playdough to make balls for a juggler.

Draw a picture of a circus tent using crayons or markers.

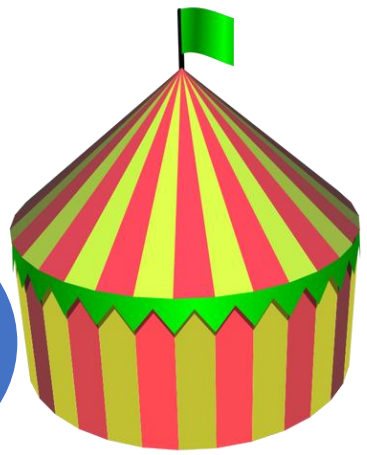
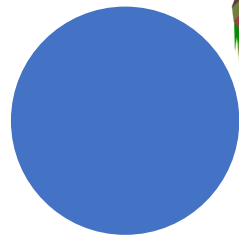
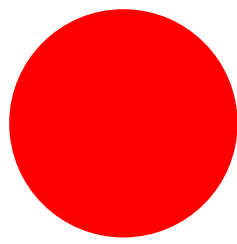
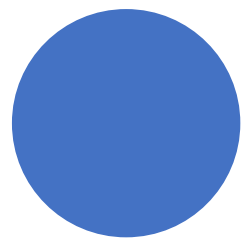
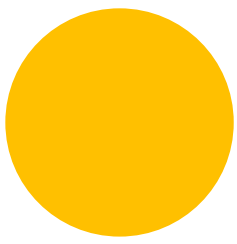
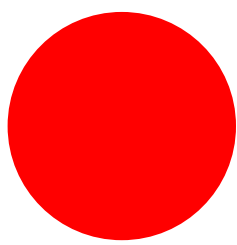
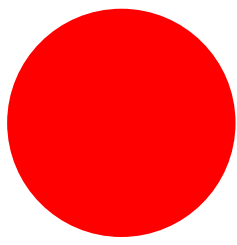
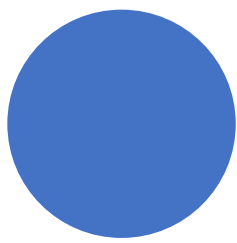
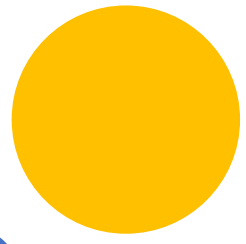
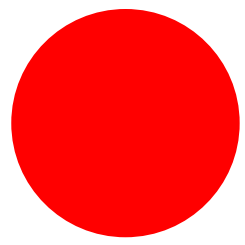
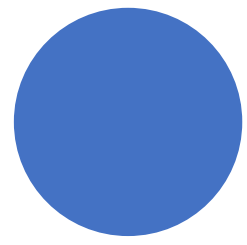
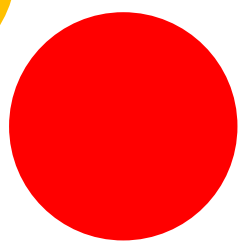
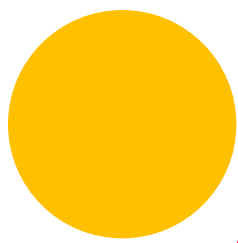
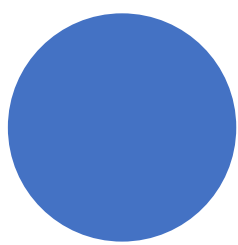
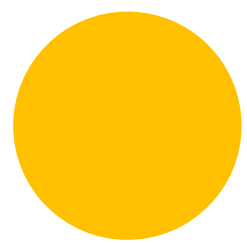
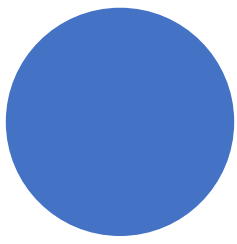
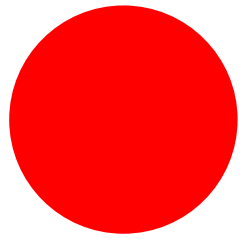
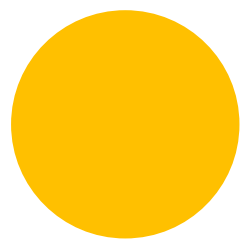
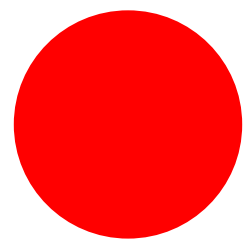
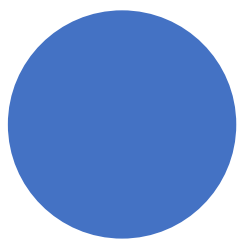
Draw a bag of popcorn using crayons or markers.
Add popcorn using playdough!

Make a rope using playdough
for an acrobat to walk on.

Use playdough to show a
laughing face!

Make a clown's face using your
choice!

Draw people excited for the
circus!



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Science Activity

Balloon Inflation

What you need for this activity:

- *Plastic Bottle (can be pop or water)
- *Vinegar
- *Baking soda
- *Balloon

Directions:

- *Put a couple teaspoons of baking soda into the bottle.
 - *Have your balloon ready! Then ask your child what they think will happen when you pour vinegar in-they may remember from the previous week that it will foam and make carbon dioxide)
 - *Pour the vinegar in-no more than one quarter full and quickly place the balloon on top!
 - *Watch the balloon fill up!
- *Explain that the baking soda and vinegar combine to make gas carbon dioxide goes into the balloon, filling it up!