

Theme: Circus!

Week 1

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

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

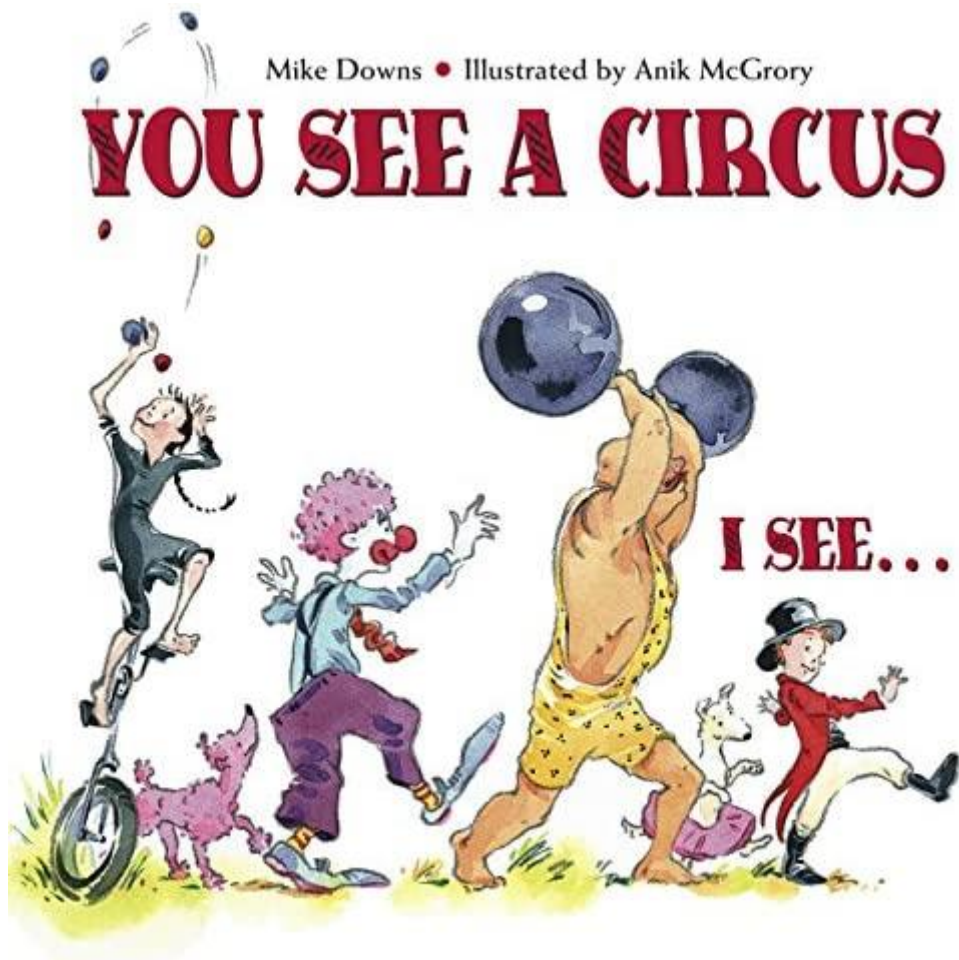
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Book Suggestion

(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:

Handprint Clown

What you need for this activity:

- *Piece of blank construction paper
- *White, orange paint
- *Red, green construction paper
- *Optional: red pom pom
- *Black, red marker

Directions:

Paint the palm of your child(ren)'s hand white (for the clown's face) and their fingers orange (for the clown's hair). Have them press their hand firmly down onto the construction paper.

Cut a red circle for the nose. And paste it in the middle of the white hand print.

*Once the paint is dry, add on the eyes using the black marker and mouth using the red marker.

*Create a bow-tie for the clown by cutting out two equal size triangles green paper and one red circle.

Paste the red circle directly below the white handprint and the two triangles with tips facing each other on either side of the circle!

Handprint Clown Example



Fine Motor Activity

Popcorn

What you need for this activity:

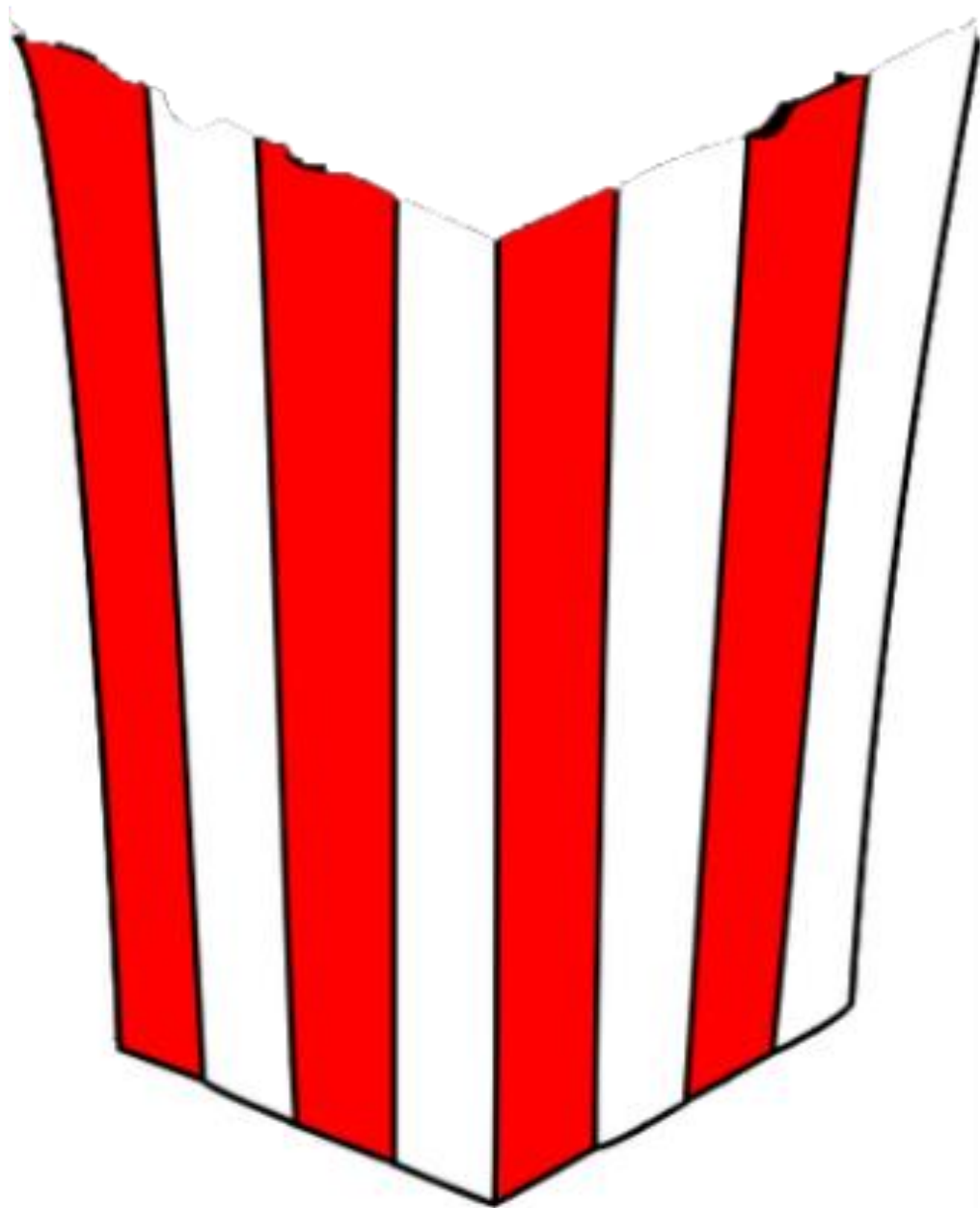
- *Cotton balls
- *Yellow Food coloring
- *Pipette (optional)
- *Tongs
- *Popcorn printable page (or draw your own popcorn bag)

Directions:

If you are drawing your own “bag of popcorn” draw this first on a blank piece of paper. Draw a large rectangle and add red and white vertical stripes.

*Have your child(ren) place cotton balls one by one on top of the bag using tongs.

*Then-either ask your child(ren) to carefully drip one drop of yellow food coloring onto each cotton ball using the actual food coloring container OR place food coloring in a small cup and ask your child(ren) to use the pipette.



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Math Activity:

POPCORN MATH

What you need for this activity:

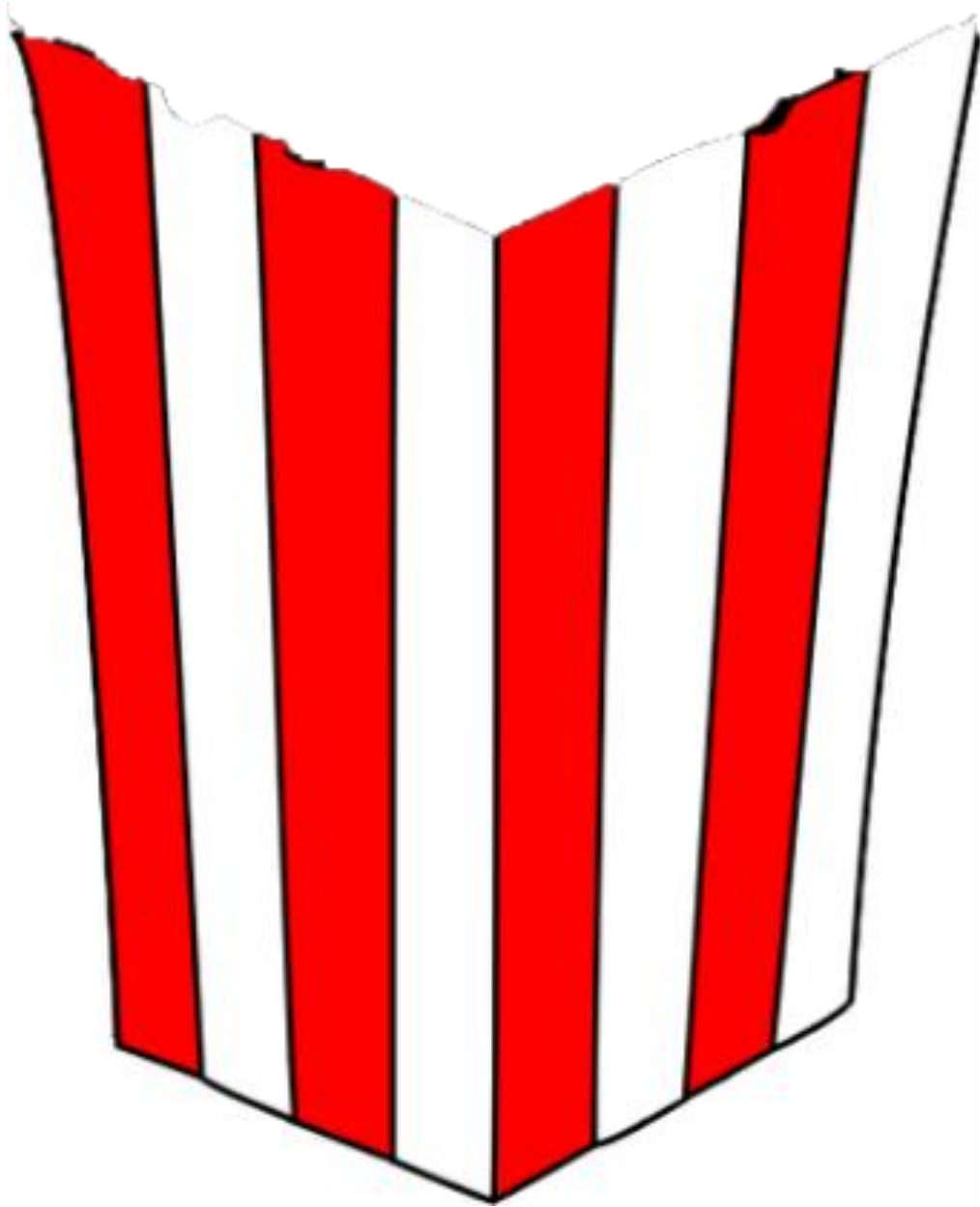
- *Yellow playdough
- *Playdough mats (or create your own)
- *Plastic wrap or large, clear bag

Directions:

- *Either print off or draw your own popcorn playdough mats
 - To draw your own, simply draw a red and white striped rectangle and numbers 1-5 under each
- *Ask your child to make pieces of popcorn to match each number on the mats. Place the popcorn in the bags!
- *To further challenge-ask your child(ren) to form numbers using the playdough.

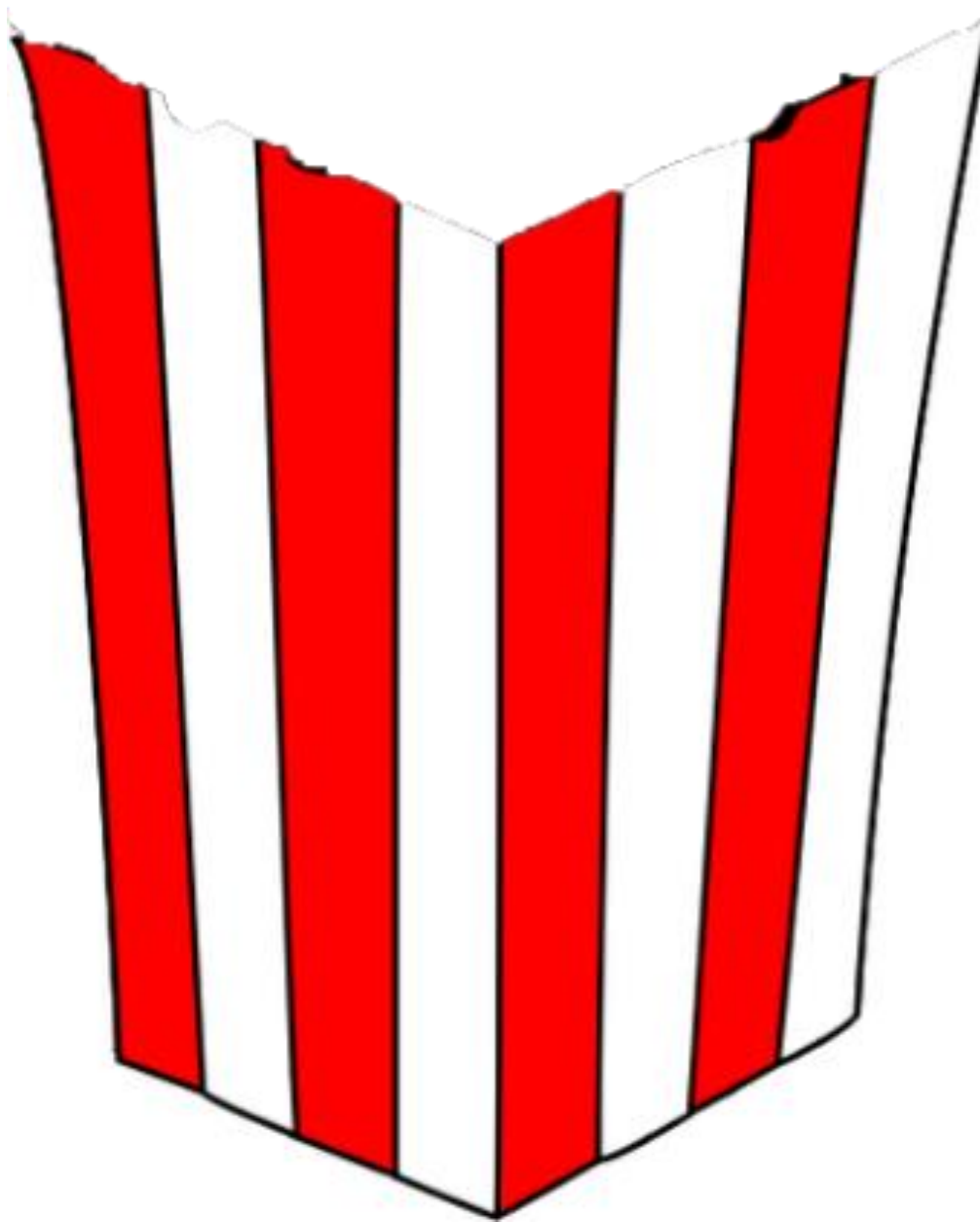
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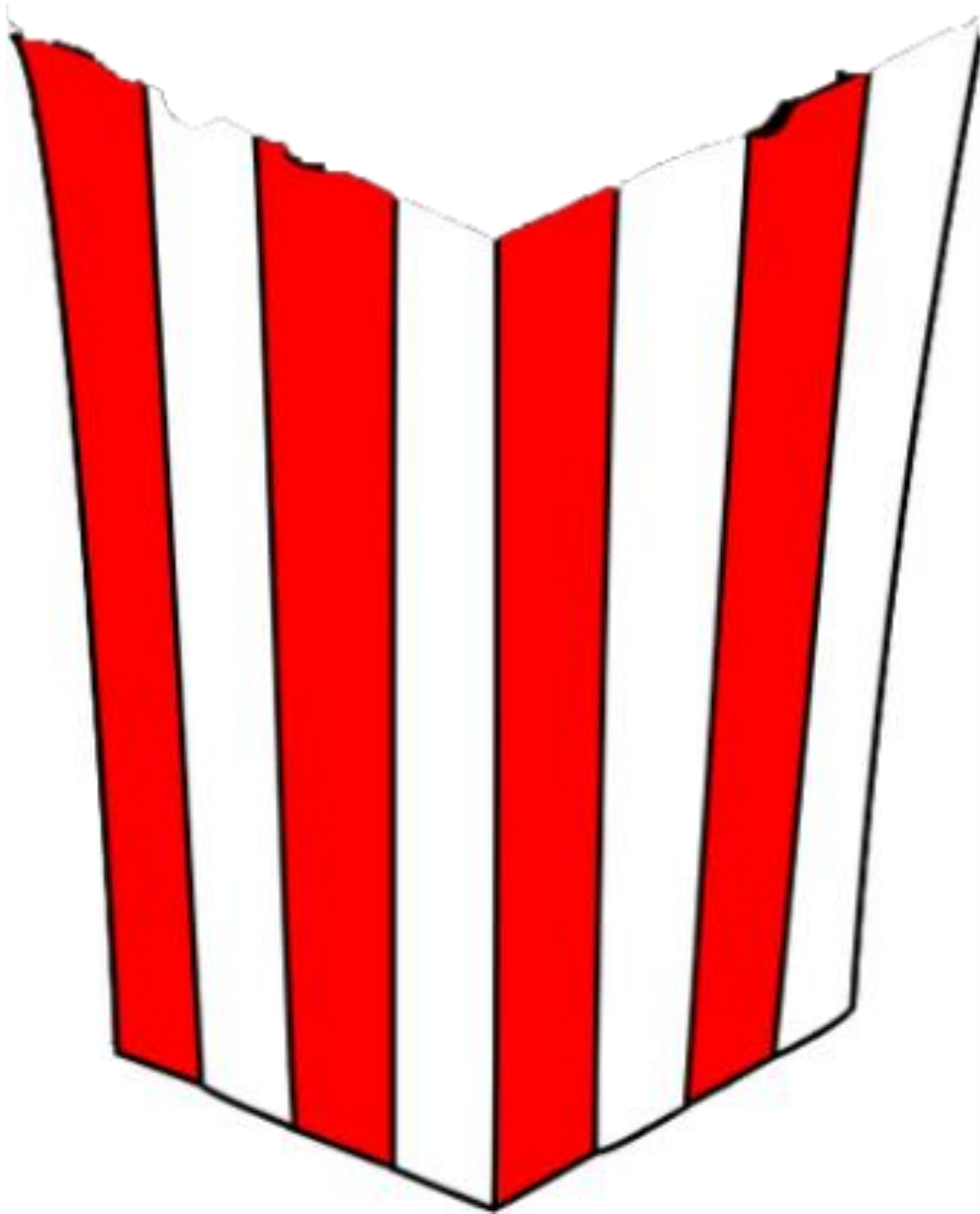
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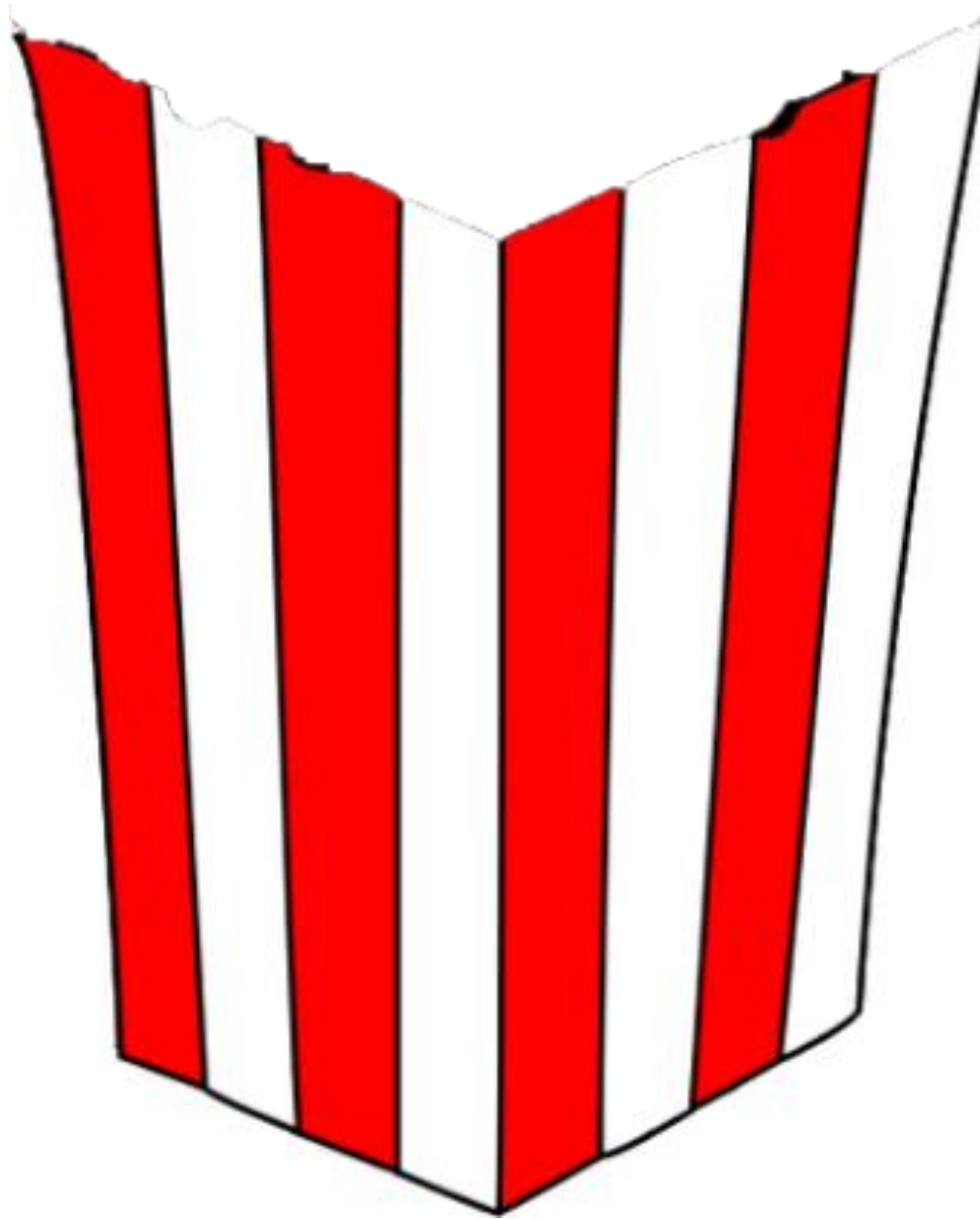
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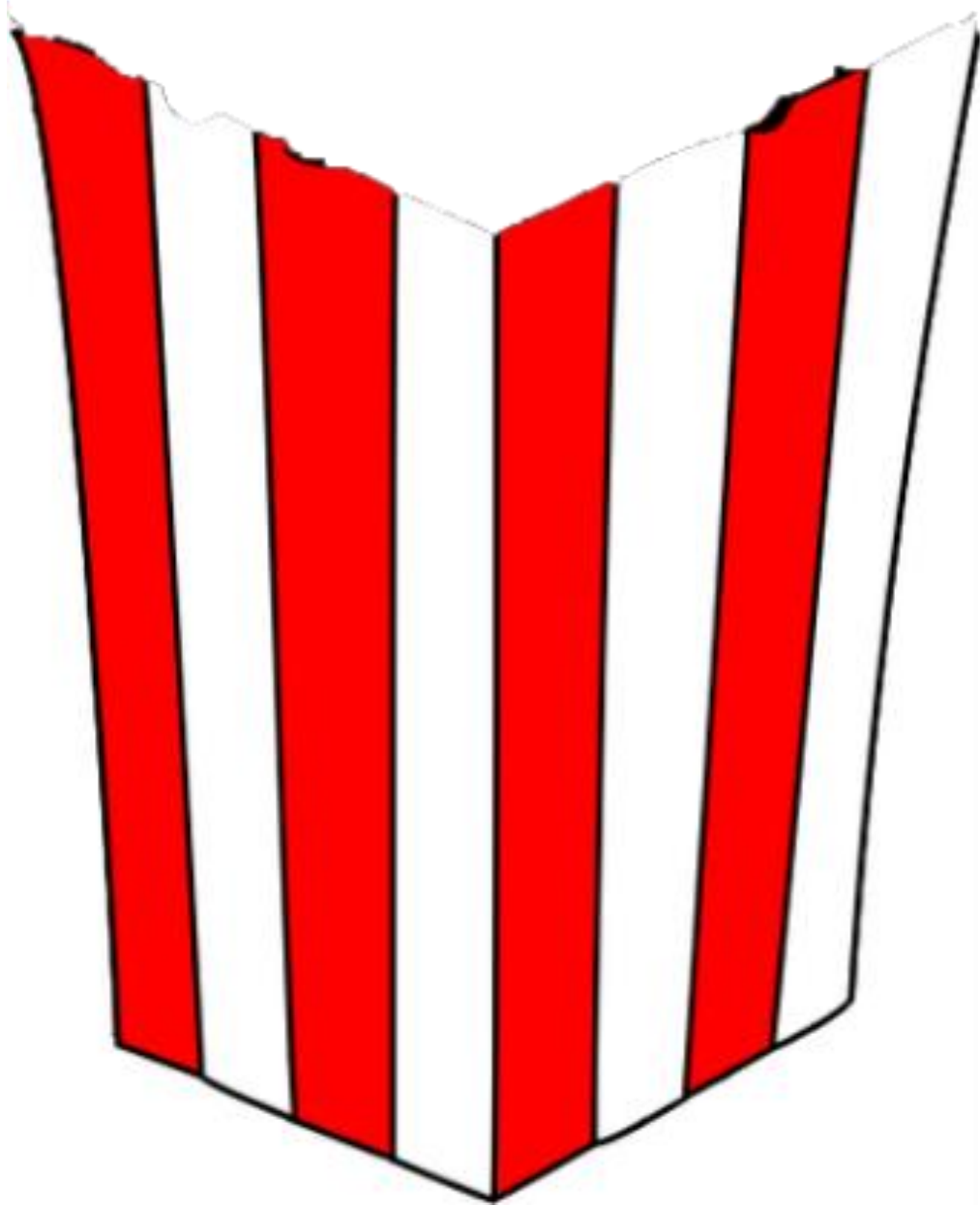
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Language Activity

Memory Game

What you need for this activity:

*Memory Game cards

*Child-safe scissors

Directions:

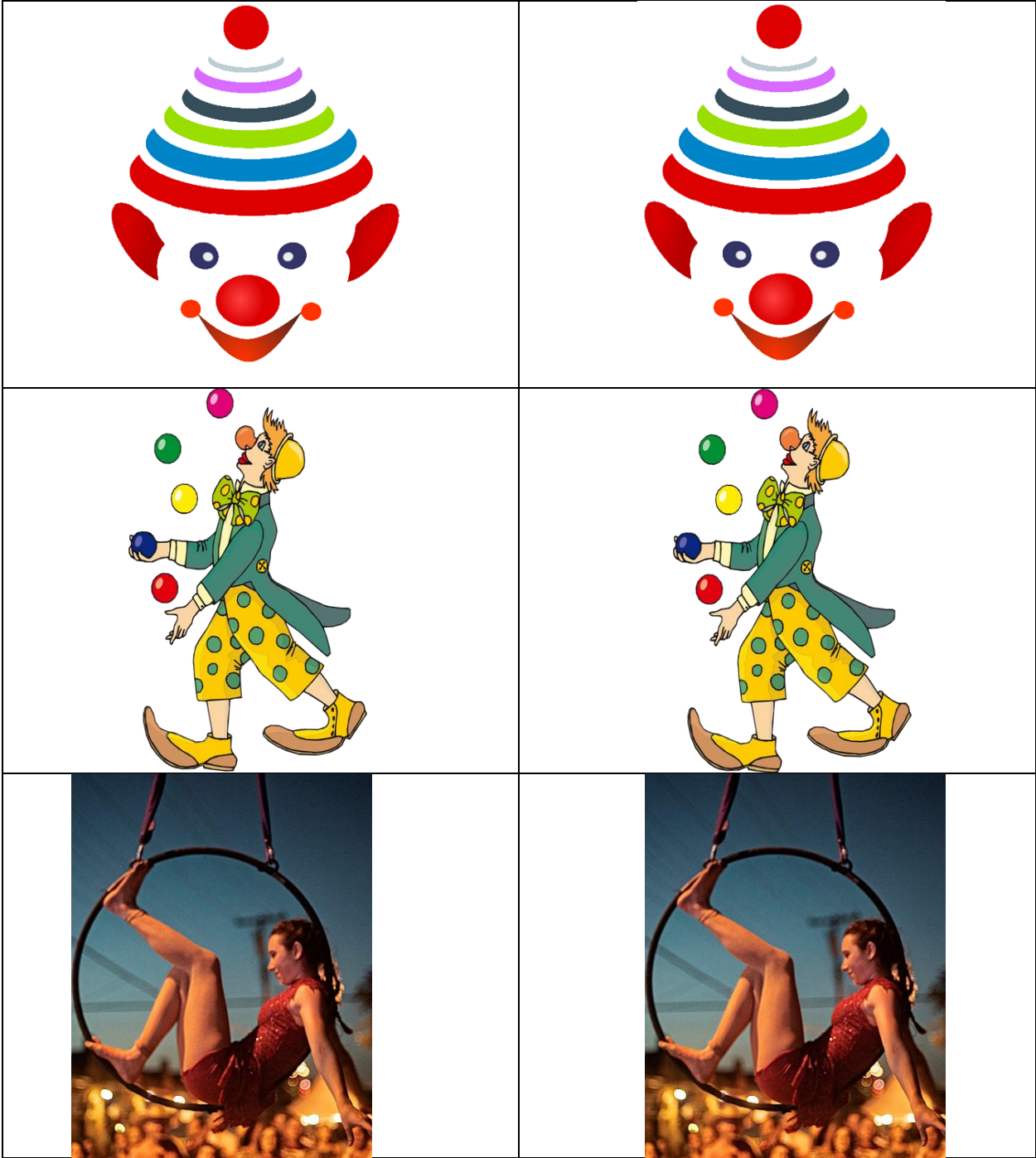
*Memory is a great game for kids to play to work on a child's recall skills and their vocabulary!

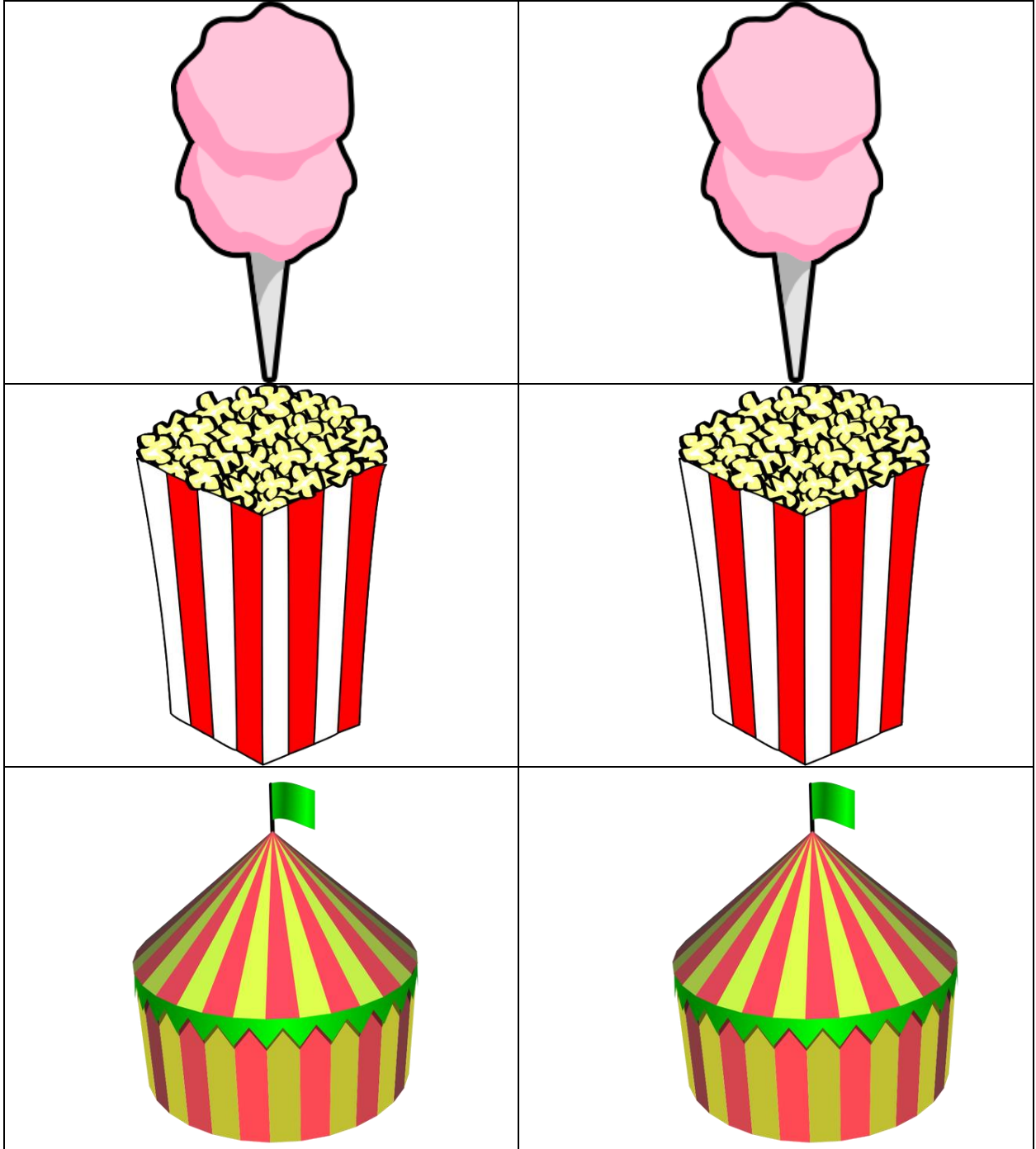
*Glue the cards onto construction paper (so they all have the same color backing)

*Cut out the memory cards (or ask your child(ren)) to do so.

*Mix up the cards and place them face down.

*Depending on your child(ren)'s ability ask child(ren) to find matches by picking up two cards at a time.





Science Activity

Corn Dance

What you need for this activity:

- *Glass Jar
- *Water
- *Vinegar
- *Baking Soda
- *Popping corn (un-popped)

Directions:

- *Fill the jar halfway with water
 - *Add a couple tablespoons of baking soda, mixing well
 - *Ask child(ren) what they think will happen when they add corn
 - *Add a few kernels of corn
 - *Ask children what they think will happen when they add vinegar (perhaps they will recall from previous experiments)
 - *Pour in some vinegar and watch the corn dance!
- *Explain that the baking soda and vinegar combine to make gas bubbles (carbon dioxide) which causes the popcorn to rise and fall!