

Theme: Circus!

Week 2

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

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

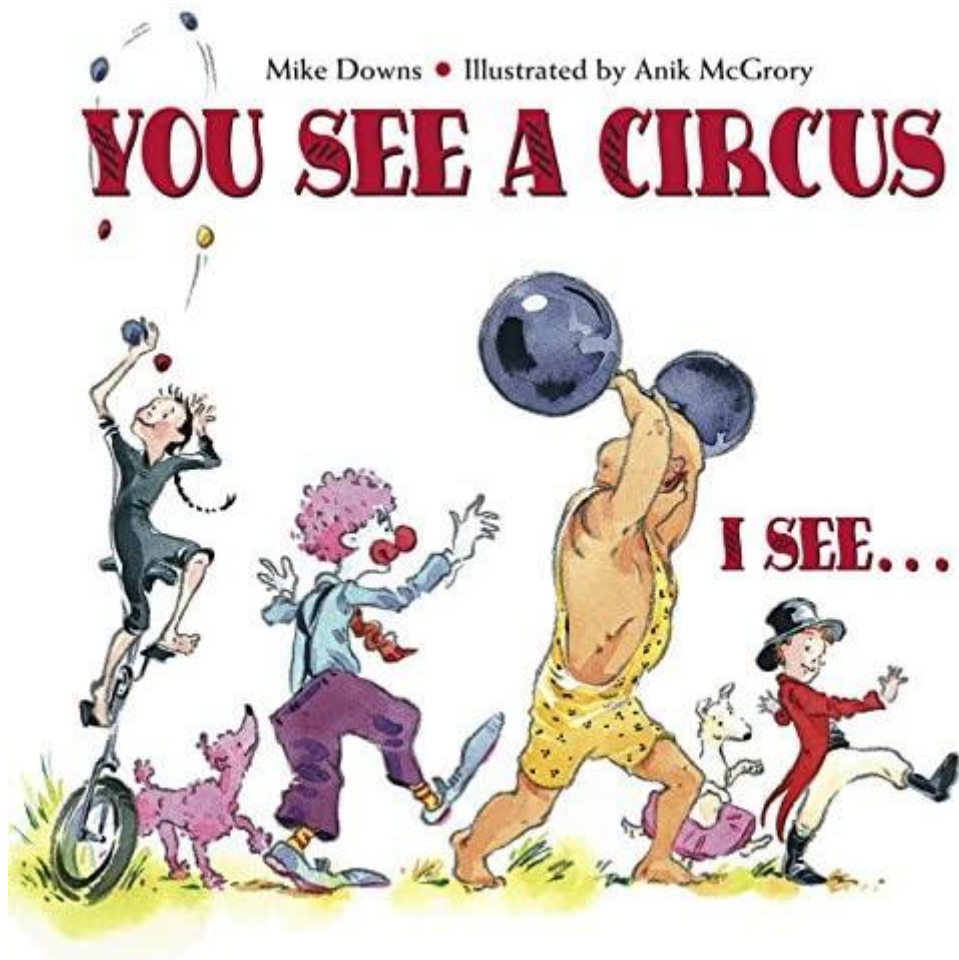
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Book Suggestion

(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

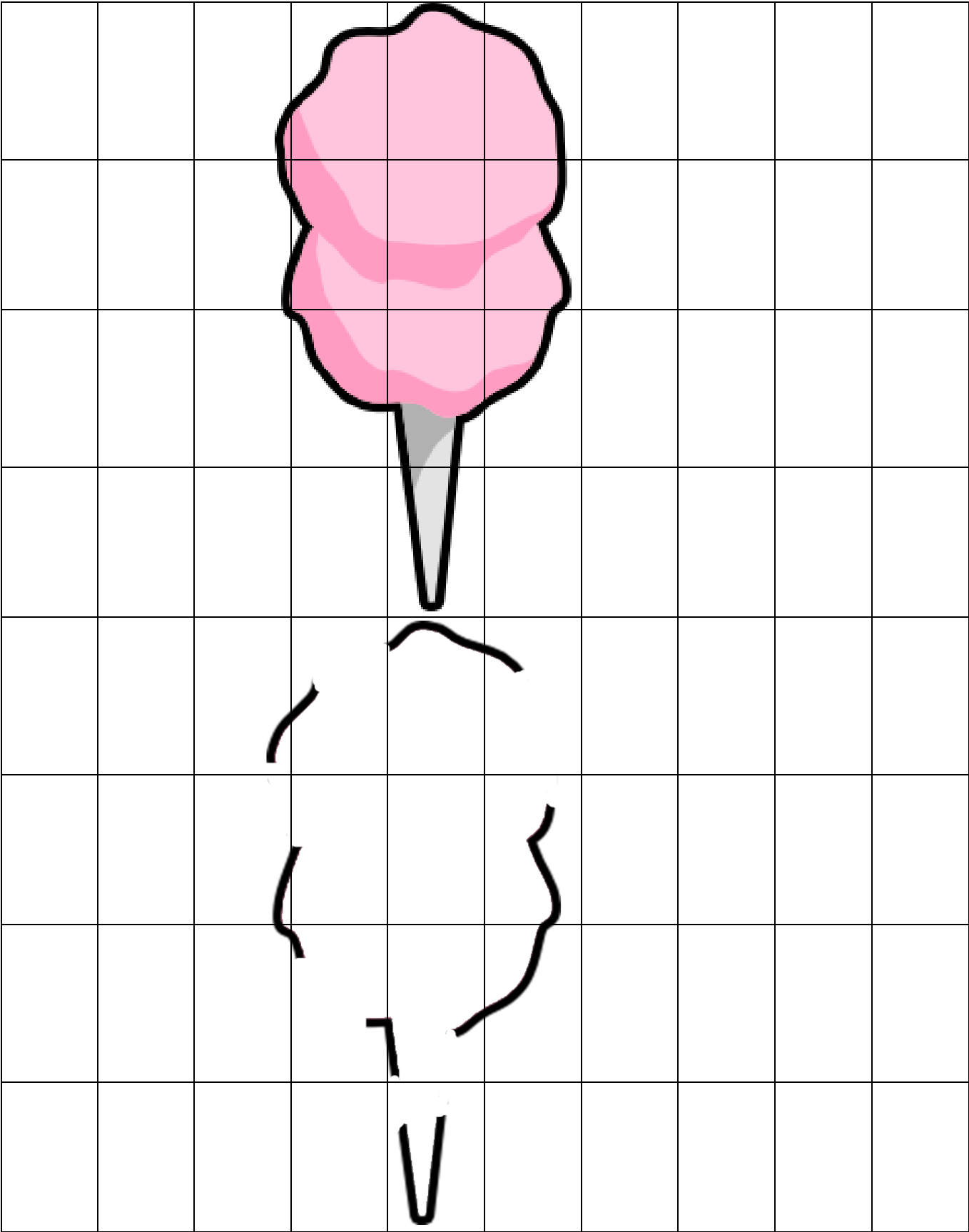
Cotton Candy

What you need for this activity:

- *Cotton Candy “graph”
- *Writing/coloring utensils

Directions:

- *This activity will allow children to draw their own cotton candy using “wavy lines.”
- *Ask children to complete the cotton candy (with line breaks) by following the image above it!
- *To finish, color it in!



Math Activity: Juggler Patterns

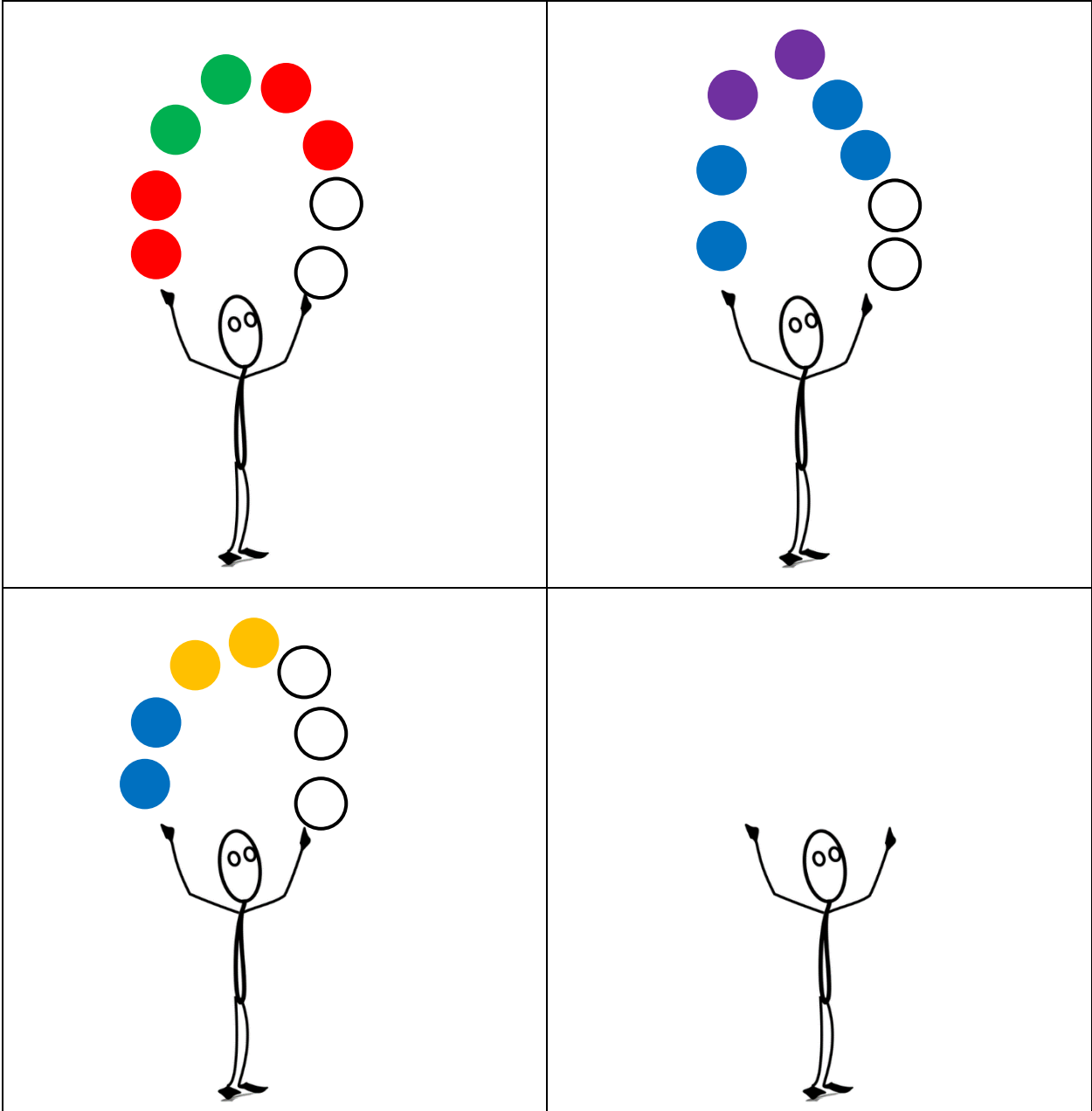
What you need for this activity:

- *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 (encourage them to make it complex- AABA or ABBA etc.)



Language Activity

Rebus Story

What you need for this activity:

*Circus Rebus page

Directions:

*A great activity for beginning readers is to use a rebus story. This type of story replaces known words with an image. In the case of the story here, the words replaced are vocabulary words.

**Ask your child(ren) to read the story with you, allowing them to say the “image words.”



**To challenge further, ask your child(ren) to form their own Circus Rebus story!

CIRCUS STORY

Read the story with your child(ren). Let them read the familiar words (an image of the word is shown instead of the script version of the word).


I went to the CIRCUS today! I had a lot of fun while I was

there! While I was watching the show, I ate a bunch

of  it was salty and delicious! I wanted to eat some 


too but my parents said that would be too much sugar. Oh

well, that's probably true! The show was amazing, I saw a

funny  with a big red nose! Up above me were



doing amazing things, it looked scary to do that! At the end

a  came out and juggled so many things at once!

I don't know how she did that! What a great day!

Science Activity

Corn Dance

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!
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- *Explain that the baking soda and vinegar combine to make gas carbon dioxide goes into the balloon, filling it up!