

Theme:

St. Patrick's Day!

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

Have fun!

Questions or comments? Please email us at playconnecttoday@gmail.com!

All activities require adult supervision!

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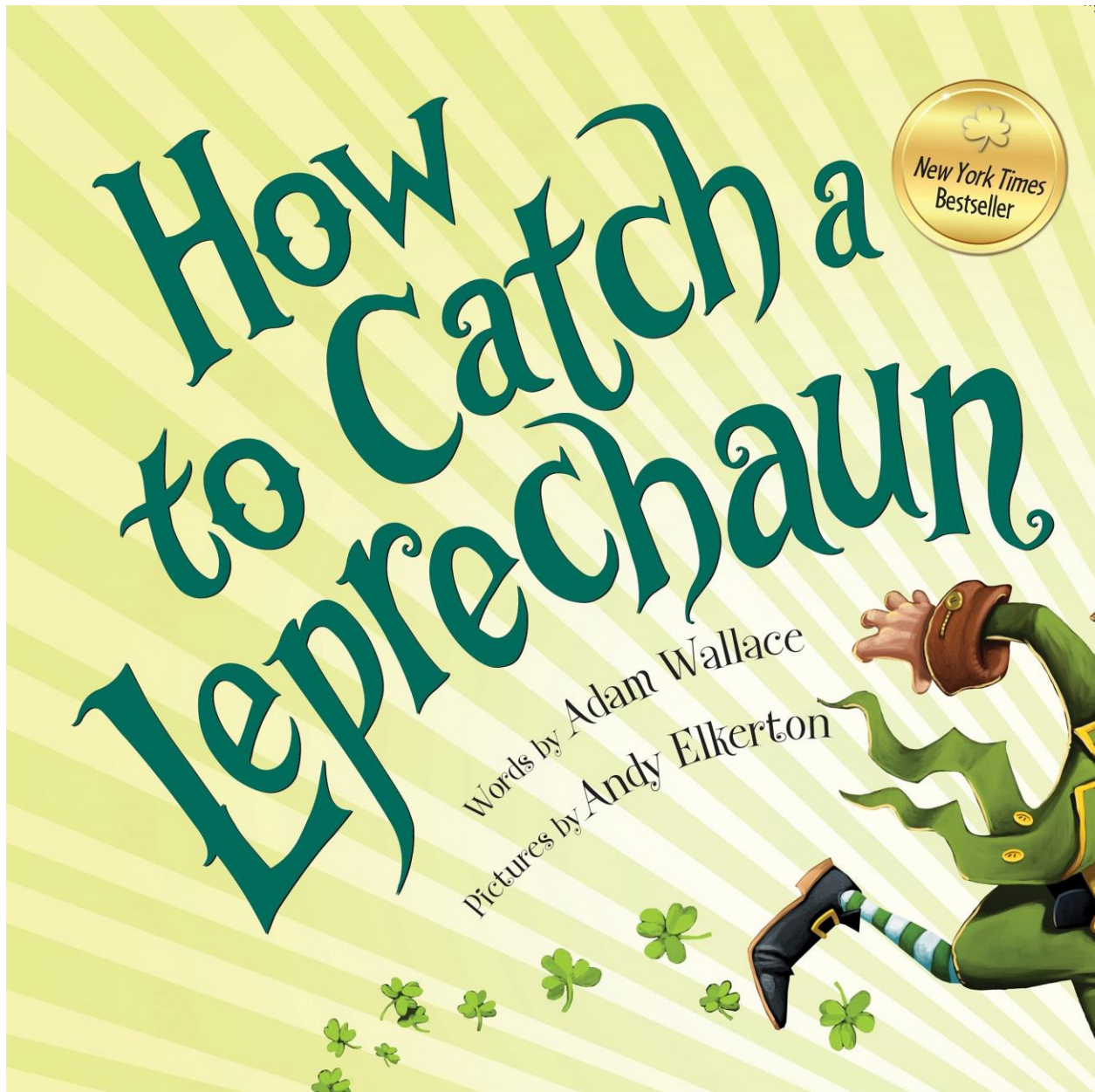
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Book Suggestion

(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 St. Patrick’s Day)! -We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



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Song Suggestions:

Leprechauns Are Dancing

Author: unknown

Leprechauns are dancing,
How they love to play.
Running in the fields and
Playing tricks all day!
you will never catch one,
No matter what you do.

They sing and dance and play their games,
And run away from you!



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I'm a Little Leprechaun

Author: unknown

I'm a little leprechaun
Dressed in green,
The tiniest man
That you have ever seen.
If you ever catch me, so it's told,
I'll give you my pot of gold.



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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!



IRISH



LEPRECHAUN



SHAMROCK



POT OF GOLD

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RAINBOW

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Art Project:

Gold at the end of the rainbow

What you need for this activity:

- *Pot of gold cut-out
- *White and yellow construction paper
- *Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple paint OR dot stampers
- *Paint brushes/ Q-tips
- *Gold glitter

Directions:

- *Cut out the pot and glue onto one side of the white construction paper.
- *Cut out “gold coins” using the yellow construction paper. Glue them into the pot. Optional-decorate with gold glitter.

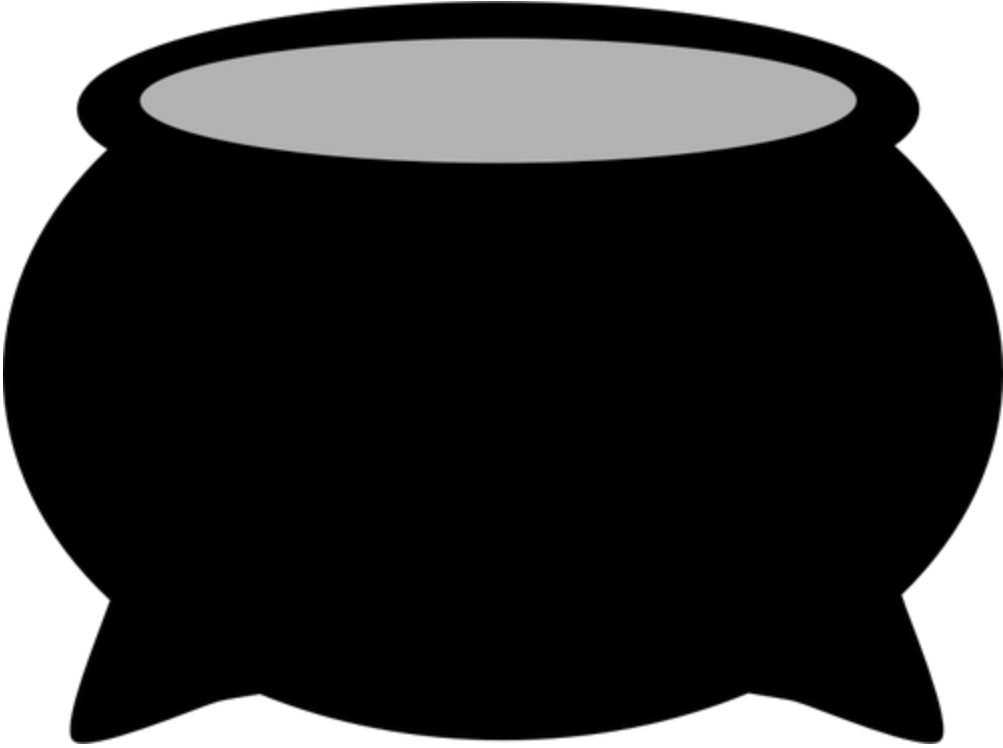
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- *Make a rainbow coming out of the pot in order- Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple by:

Making thumbprints coming out of the pot in rainbow shape

Making rainbow by using paintbrush

Or use dot stampers to make the rainbow.



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Fine Motor Activity

Draw a shamrock

What you need for this activity:

- *How to draw a shamrock page
- *Blank piece of paper
- *Black and green markers

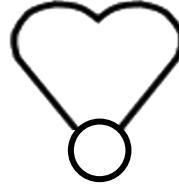
Directions:

A shamrock allows children to combine different types of lines including: circles, hearts, and vertical/horizontal lines! This is an important skill to have when forming letters as well!

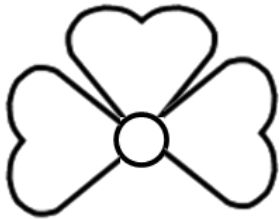
How to draw a shamrock



Draw a small circle.



Draw a heart at the top of the circle



Draw a heart on each side of the circle.



Make the stem by drawing a vertical line, a horizontal line, and a curved line. Then color your shamrock in green!

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Math Activity

Pot of Gold Game

What you need for this activity:

- *Fill the pot of gold math game
- *Child-Safe scissors

Directions:

This math game helps children work on their number skills-with the basics of addition.

*Tip-when adding the dice together-ask child(ren) to count the dots to add!

-See game instructions.

Fill the pot of gold!

Supplies needed:

2 Dice

Empty pots pintables

Directions:

Cut out a set of empty pots (enough for each child playing to have one full set).

Each player rolls one die, highest number goes first.

The first player rolls both dice-they may then take (or draw) that number of coins. For example-if they roll a 5 and a 4, they may take 9 coins. That player may then distribute their coins amongst their pots of gold-trying to fill each to the number shown.

The first player to fill each pot wins the game!



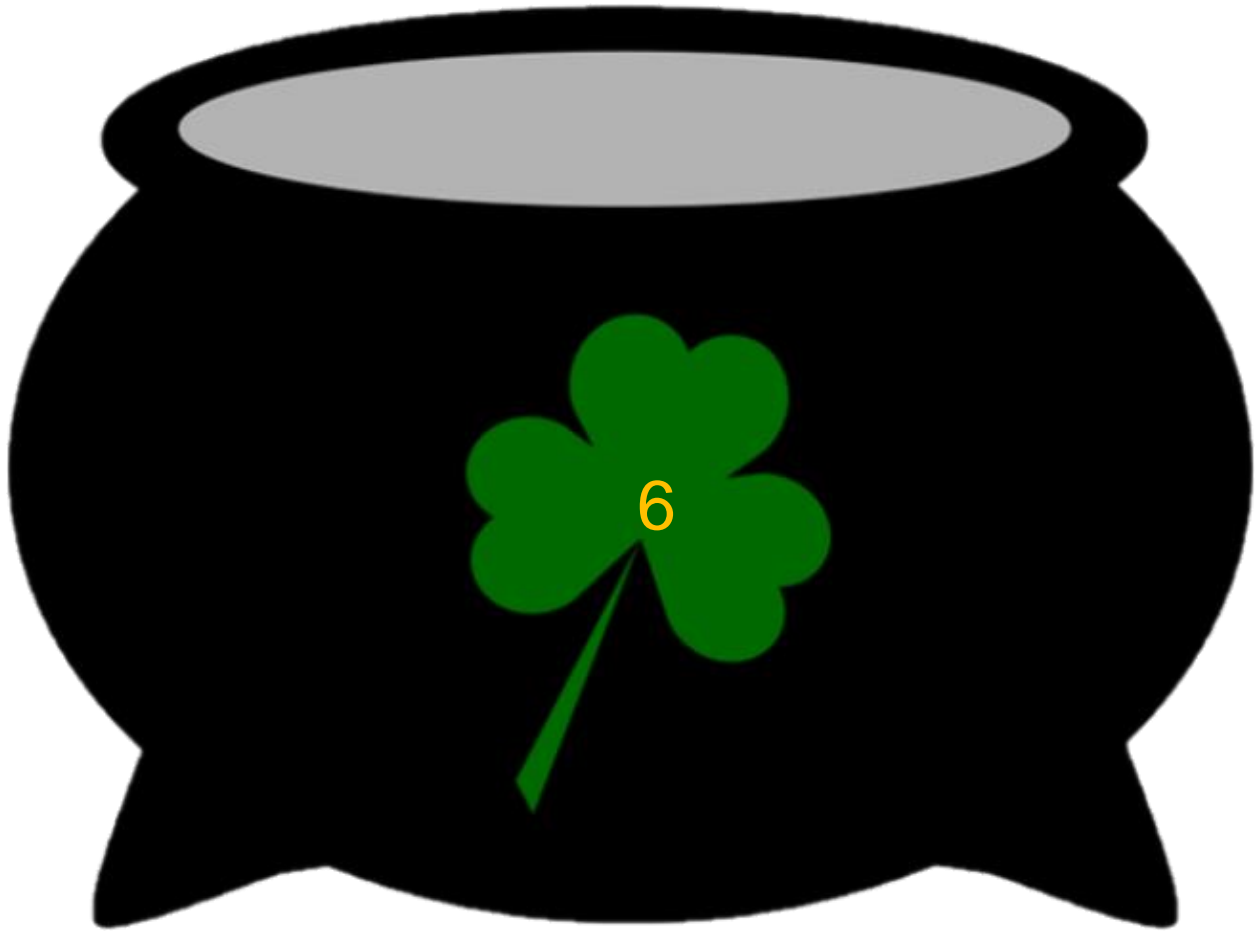
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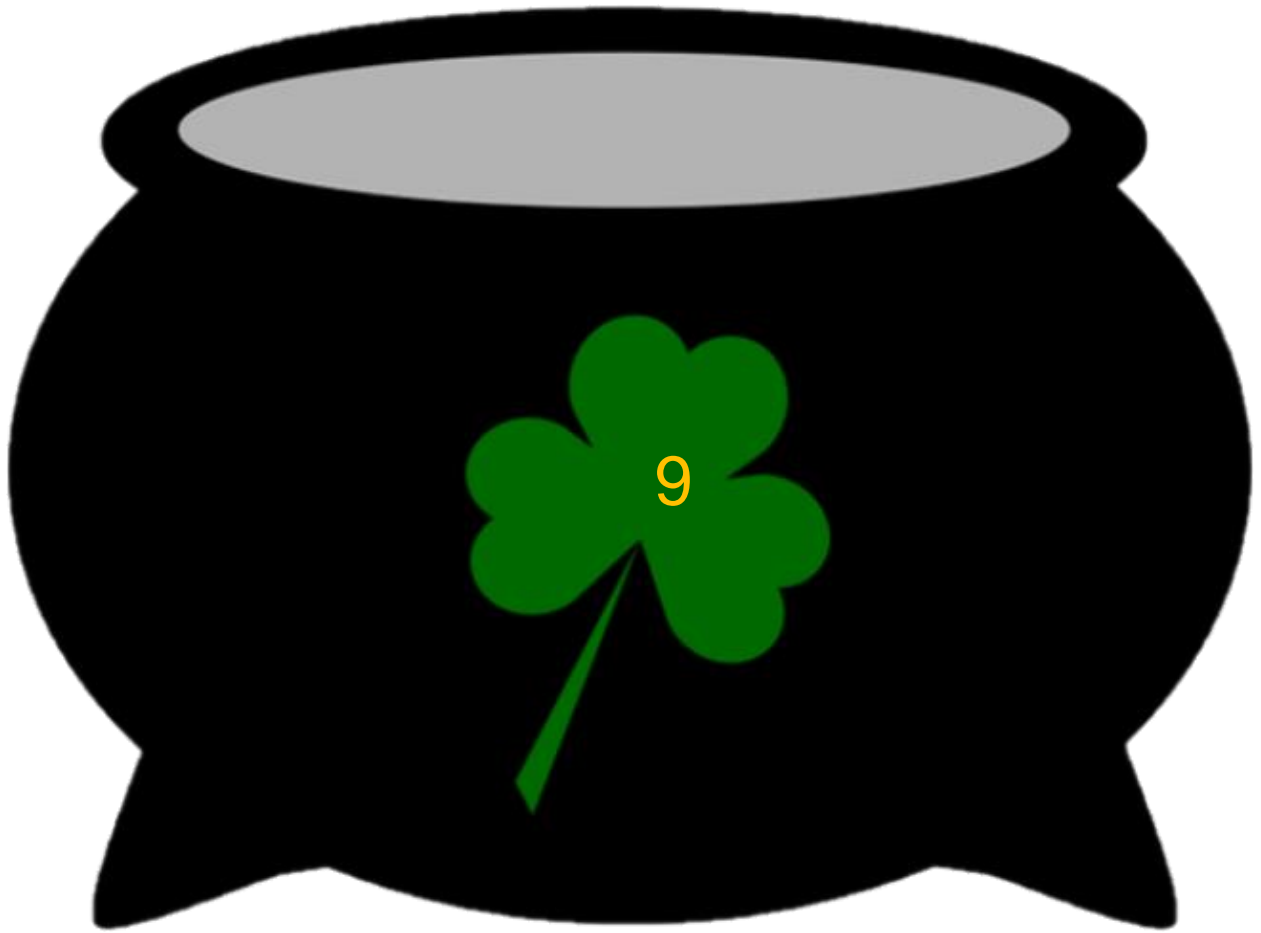
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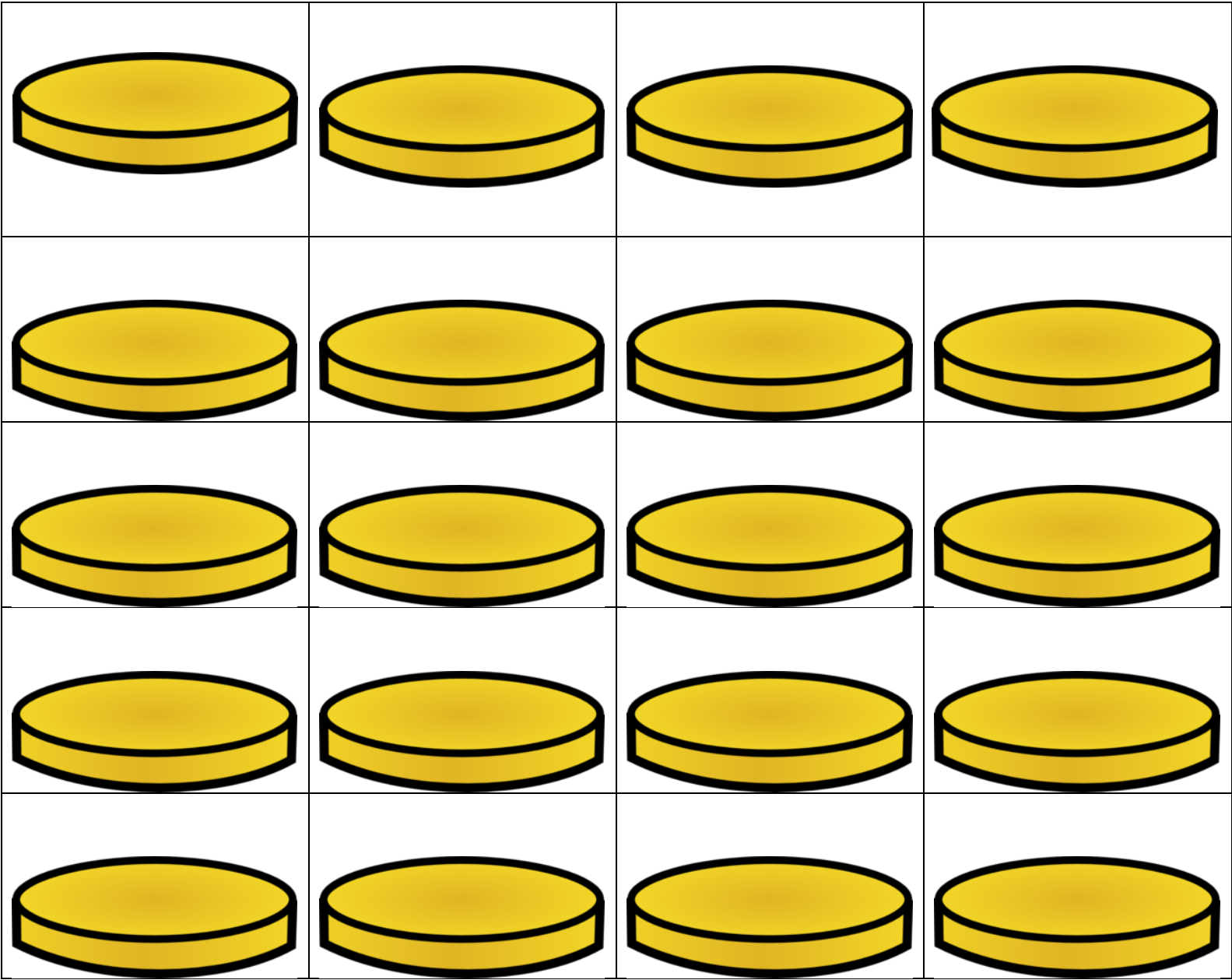
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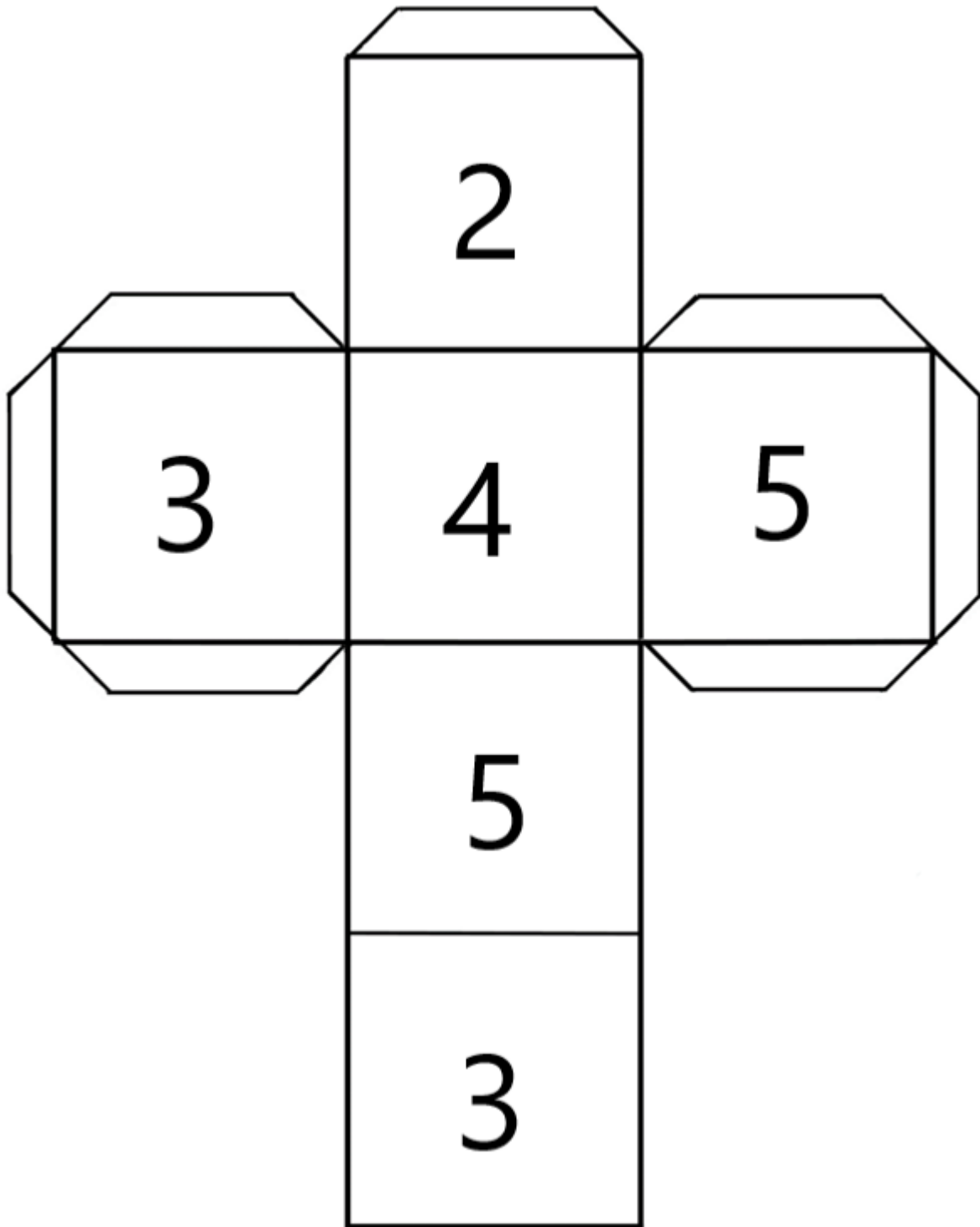
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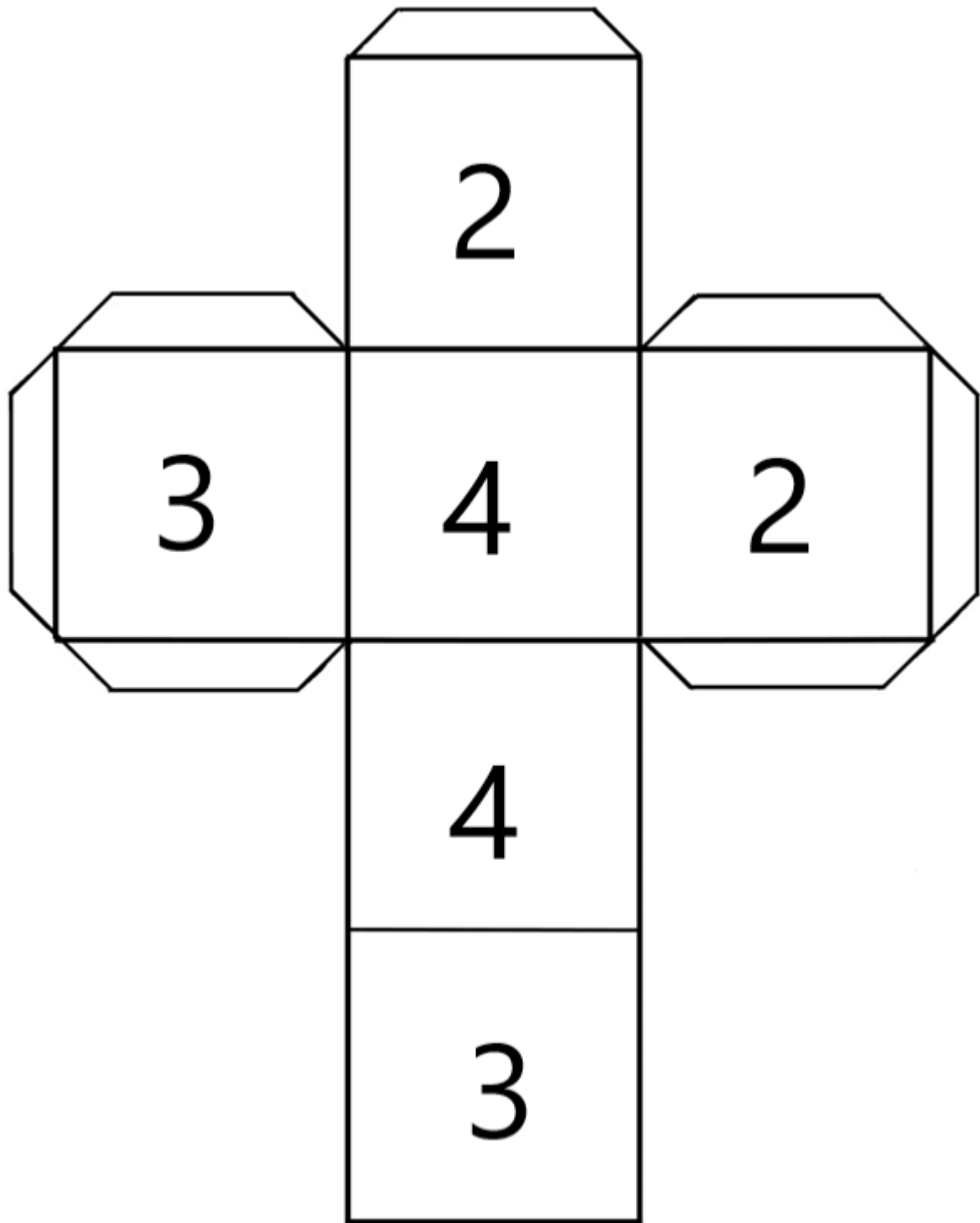
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Language Activity

If I found a pot of gold...

What you need for this activity:

- If I found gold page
- Coloring utensils

Directions:

*Ask your child what they would do if they found a pot of gold. Have them draw an image of it. Write for your child what they would do-practice dictation. Encourage your child to use pronouns- I would... and also use because...

If I found a pot of gold...

Here is a picture of what I would do
if I found a pot of gold...

I would..._____

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Science Activity:

Green Milk

What you need for this activity:

- *Whole Milk
- *Green food coloring
- *Shallow bowl
- *Cotton Swab
- *Dish Soap

Directions:

Fill the shallow bowl with milk so that it covers the bottom of the bowl-not very deep.

Put a couple of drops of food coloring on top of the milk.

Have your child(ren) carefully dip the cotton swab into the dish soap-making sure it is covered all the way.

-Ask your child(ren) to predict what will happen when they dip the cotton swab into the milk.

Have your child(ren) carefully touch the top of the milk with the cotton swab.

Observe what happens!

*Explain that this works because milk contains a lot of protein and fat-the dish soap makes these two separate and spread. The green food coloring shows this!