

Preschool Theme Kits

TRANSPORTATION



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BEYOND THE KITS STORYTIME HANDBOOK Welcome to the *Transportation* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

-Fun and Games-

GROUP TIME GAMES*

To create easy games with cars, collect the metal ends of frozen juice cans. You can find car stickers or just draw cars of different colors on each lid with a permanent pen. Make two of each color and the children can use them in a variety of matching games. *Variations*:

If you like you can put a strip of magnetic tape on the backs. Use them for games with a cookie sheet. You can also make "car" cards with card stock, using stickers or draw cars

Some sample games are given below:

PARK YOUR CAR *

as on the juice lids.

Hand out a lid to each child. Recite the following poem and each child can park their car on a cookie sheet or place it in a box or paper plate.

Here's a place to park your car.
Drive in and tell us who you are.
(Point to a child who gives name.)
Let's all say it: Bethany.
Let's clap it: Bethany (clap three times.)

GUESS WHAT'S MISSING?*

Place three different juice lids in a row on a cookie sheet. Have the children "read" their colors from left to right, out loud. They close their eyes, you take one away and when they look, they have to figure out what's missing!



CAR PAINTING *

This is a messy art activity! First cover your table with a large sheet of paper or cut open grocery bags. Next, put about ¼ inch of tempera paint into separate pie plates. Refill as needed. Put cars and trucks in paint. Roll wheels to pick up paint. Then roll onto paper in both long and short rolls in different directions. You can add depth by using several colors. A great individual or group project. Toddlers love it!

TRANSPORTATION CREATION **

Cut the flaps and remove the bottom from a medium size cardboard box. Cut two holes for little hands to fit through on opposite sides. Now decorate the box to look like a boat, train, car, bus or airplane. The children can step inside and hold it up and "drive" around.

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AIRPLANE RIDE **

Take the group on a pretend airplane adventure. Set chairs in two rows leaving a space in between to be the aisle. Make tickets and serve crackers and juice for a snack. Put two chairs in front of the group to be the pilot and co-pilot. Rotate jobs, so everyone has the fun!

You can take a "trip" on a boat or train too!



MAKE YOUR OWN TRAIN *

Cut out a square on construction paper the same colors as those used in the book, Freight Train. Line up eight chairs in a row, one behind the other. As you read the book again, the children find the place where the cars go and tape the correct color square to the chairs. After the train gets built, children sit on the chairs and move their arms forward and back as the train goes faster and faster. When you read "moving in darkness," turn the lights off, "moving in daylight", turn the lights back on... "going, going, gone!", put arm up as if pulling the whistle and everyone calls out "TOOT TOOT!"

CHOO CHOO TRAIN- Traditional

This is a choo-choo train
Puffing down the track.
(Rotate forearms at sides of body)
Now it's going forward,
(Step forward)
Now it's going back (step back)
Now the bell is ringing ("Ding Ding")
Now the whistle blows ("pull" whistle

What a lot of noise it makes (*Cover ears!*)

Everywhere it goes! (Stretch out arms wide).

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- "Toot toot")

Questions or Suggestions:

Call the Youth Services Dept. at (360) 384-3150

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

THE AIRPLANE

The airplane goes up

The airplane goes down.

The airplane flies high all over town.

Arms outstretched.

Make one arm go around.

'Fly' high.

'Fly' low.

Stretch arms and turn around in small circles.

LITTLE ENGINE – suit actions to words

I had a little engine,
But it wouldn't go.
I had to push and push and push,
But still it wouldn't go.
I had a little motor car,
But it wouldn't go
I had to wind and wind and wind,
But still it wouldn't go.
I had a little airplane,
My airplane could fly.
I jumped right in, away I flew,



THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

Right around the sky!

The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, Round and round.

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

All through the town.

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish...

The people on the bus go up and down..

The doors on the bus go open and shut, open and shut, open and shut...
The driver on the bus says move on back, move on back, move on back...

The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah...

The parents on the bus go shh, shh. shh

The wheels on the bus go round and round ...

Roll forearms round and round each other.

Make house peaks over head with hands.

Swish hands and forearms back and forth. Bounce up and down.

Arms together in front of you, bent at the elbows, open and shut across chest.
Make fist at shoulder height, signal behind you, with your thumb (hitchhiker style)
Wipe eyes!

Finger to lips - shh.

Roll forearms round and round each other.

How You Can Help

- Use and return kits promptly so that they are available for others.
- Please check box contents before returning.
- Do not use the book drop. Please return kits inside an open library.