

Preschool Theme Kits

HOMES

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



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BOOKS

This Is the House that Jack Built

Pam Adams

Building a House Byron Barton

A House for Hermit Crab

Eric Carle

Houses and Homes *Ann Morris*

This is Our House Michael Rosen

A House Is a House for Me

(Book with CD)

Mary Ann Hoberman

Animal Homes Sonia Black

Blue Rabbit and Friends
Christopher Wormell

Who's in Rabbit's House?

Verna Aardema

DVD

Who's in Rabbit's House? In More Stories From Near and Far

<u>TOY</u>

Three Little Pigs, storytelling mitt with felt pieces

ADULT RESOURCES

Play with Big Boxes Liz and Dick Wilmes

ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK

BEYOND THE KITS STORYTIME HANDBOOK 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 general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Welcome to the *Homes* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

HOME AND FAMILY COLLAGE *

Cut the shapes of different kinds of homes out of construction paper (for example: house, mobile home, apartment building, duplex). Cut a door in the front of each home. Let each child select one of these shapes and decorate with markers, stickers and small pieces of paper, yarn, etc.

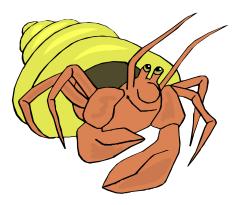
Help the children to tape a photograph or hand-drawn picture of their family behind the cut-out door of their home. Hang the homes where children can open the doors and peek inside. Be sure to allow those children who have more than one home, i.e. Mom's house and Dad's house, to make both. Be aware if you have children in transitional housing.

ANIMAL HOMES MATCHING GAME

Prepare a file folder or large piece of paper with animal and pet homes, such as a fishbowl, dog house, rabbit burrow, etc. Draw or find animal shapes in a coloring book or on the internet. The kids love matching the animals to their homes!!!!

ACT OUT A STORY!*

Read A House for a Hermit Crab one time through. Then give the children parts to play as you read it again. This time, swim around the room choosing a child to be a sea anemone, a starfish, coral, snail, sea urchin, hermit crab, etc. As you choose them they follow you and build a 'nest of pebbles' out of blocks and sit inside it to hear the rest of the story. To extend this activity, make cardboard or paper cut-outs of each character and let the children paint/ color/ and decorate them. Then do the story/mini play again.



*Activities courtesy of the Early Childhood Office of the Seattle Public Library.



IF I WERE A BIRD

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song
Make a beak with one hand.
And fly about the whole day long.
Thumbs entwined, fly hands around.
And when the night comes, go to rest,
Up in my cozy little nest.
Hands cupped together to form nest.

PLAY WITH BIG BOXES

This adult resource is dedicated "to all children who think big boxes are wonderful to play with." So that's probably most of us!

You can get large cardboard boxes or sheets from most stores that sell appliances, including department stores. They may be broken down, but you can tape them back together to make a *Texture Tent, Book Nook, Rainy Day* (or any day!) *Playhouse*, a *Camping Tent* or *Sail Boat* (see pages 12-34).

The resource also contains instructions for large shallow "stages" *On the Farm, At the Zoo, Around Town* and *In Dinosaurland*, to suggest a few. Some simple assembly will insure hours of play for your children. They can help with the 'building' too.

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

PETER HAMMERS

Peter hammers with one hammer, One hammer, one hammer Peter hammers with one hammer all day long.

Peter hammers with two hammers, two hammers, two hammers

Etc.

Three hammers...

Four hammers ...

Five hammers...

Peter's very tired now, tired now, tired now

Peter's very tired now all night long.



Bang on one thigh with one fist

Bang with two fists

Two fists and one foot Two fists and two feet Two fists, two feet, your head! Rest head on hands.

WHEN SAMMY PUT THE PAPER ON THE WALL

When Sammy put the paper on the wall
He put the parlor paper in the hall.
He papered on the stairs
He papered on the chairs
He even put a border on grandma's shawl.
When Sammy put the paper

When Sammy put the paper on the wall

He poured a pot of paste upon us all Now we're all stuck together Like birds of a feather Since Sammy put the paper on the wall. Hands in front, shoulder high, moving side to side, on 'wall' Hands up and down Paper as if up stairs Make chair with hands Border your shoulders

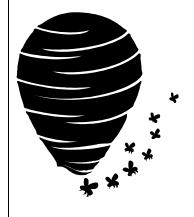
Same as before

Pour bucket over head Put hands on opposite shoulders Flap arms while crossed Slap knees twice

HOUSES

Traditional

This is a nest for robin,
Cup hands together, palms up
This is a hive for bee
Fists together
This is a hole for bunny,
Make hole, fingertips to thumb
And this is a house for me.
Peak hands over head for roof.



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Questions or Suggestions:

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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.