

Preschool Theme Kits

AROUND THE WORLD



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BEYOND THE KITS -STORYTIME HANDBOOK Welcome to the *Around the World* 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 general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

AROUND THE WORLD GAMES

*In Cambodia, they play a game similar to our Duck, Duck, Goose called **Hide the Scarf**. Children sit in a circle. One child is "It" and walks around the outside of the circle with a scarf tied into a knot. S/he drops the scarf quietly behind a seated child and begins to run around the circle. The seated child rises, grabs the scarf and chases the first child. If "It" makes it back to the vacant spot without being tagged, the chaser is now "it" and the game continues.

Duck, Duck, Goose (or Duck, Duck, Grey Duck)

Players sit in a circle, one is the "Goose" who walks around the outside, gently patting each person's head, saying "Duck, duck, duck" and then choosing one child "goose". The first child runs around the circle, trying to get back to the open spot before the second child. Whoever is left standing continues the game "duck, duck, duck", "goose!".



NEIGHBOR PUPPETS *

Make paper bag puppets of neighbors. These can be neighbors nearby or neighbors around the world. Provide yarn, crayons, markers, scraps of vivid fabric and paper. Have the children use some of these greetings, (more on p. 29 of **The Kids' Multicultural Cookbook**)

Bonjour (French)
Jambo (Swahili)
Ciao - pronounced "chow" (Italy)
Buenas dias (Spanish)
Kanichiwa (Japanese)
Nameste (Hindi)
Salaam aleukem (Urdu and Arabic)
Do any of the children speak another language than English or do their families? Ask them to share, too.

AROUND THE WORLD MURAL

People live in all sorts of houses around the world. After reading **Houses and Homes**, ask your children "Where do you live and who lives with you?" Do any of the homes in the book look like their house, or any ones' they know? Have different shaped pieces of paper cut so children can make them into igloos, teepees, Hogans, huts, cottages, apartment buildings, or boats. On a large piece of paper, or paper bags taped together, draw a hillside, a river or lake, etc. and have the children add their houses and any other details.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

After reading **Tikki Tikki Tembo**, you can celebrate any time! Make a paper dragon head using a paper plate. Put prominent eyes and nostrils on it, using construction paper or markers. Attach paper streamers. Each child can have a dragon head, or make one head, and then tape streamers to toilet paper rolls, giving one to each of the other children.

Make Chinese/Japanese lanterns: Fold a piece of paper or greeting card in half, lengthwise. At 1" intervals, cut along folded edge (don't cut all the way through). Open and attach ends together. Add a paper or yarn handle.

A CHILD'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD - CD

Pleasant to just listen to, you can also use the CD for these musical games:

- Make easy rhythm instruments from small containers (film containers, margarine or yoghurt tubs, plastic eggs, etc.) filled with dried beans, rice, popcorn). Have a rhythm band, playing to the music.
- Play Musical Hugs: this is like musical chairs, but everyone wins! Whenever the music stops, children give ONE other child a hug. Encourage the children to be sure to find a different person to hug each time.
- Musical Rug: Place a small carpet square or rug on the floor. Start the music and have the children walk around in a circle, each one stepping on the rug. When the music stops, whoever is on the rug gets to operate the tape or CD player.

THE KIDS' MULTICULTURAL COOKBOOK – Adult Resource

More than just a cookbook, this great book tells us a little about the children and their lives and traditions.

And enjoy the food! Have an Around-the-World Ice Cream Sundae party (p. 28); make chicken curry (p. 32) for a yummy hot lunch and let the children set out the condiments. Have a Scottish afternoon tea party and invite parents and/or friends (p. 68).

Around the World Theme Kit

Questions or Suggestions: Call the Youth Services Dept. at (360) 384-3150

-Songs and Action Rhymes-

MY AUNT CAME BACK

Traditional campsong style, where the leader says a line and the others echo it. This one has motions too. Once you start a motion, keep doing it through all the rest of the verses, until in the end you are doing them all together!

My aunt came back

Echo: My aunt came back

From old Algiers

Echo: From old Algiers And brought me back

Echo: And brought me back

A pair of shears.

Echo: A pair of shears.

Make scissors, cutting motion with

one hand.

My aunt came back

From old Japan

And brought me back

A paper fan.

Other hand becomes a waving fan

My aunt came back From Holland too

And brought me back

A wooden shoe.

One foot clomps up and down.

My aunt came back

From old Chile

And brought me back

This itchy flea.

Add a scratching motion

My aunt came back From the county fair

And brought me back

This rocking chair.

Whole body rocks back and forth.

Now you are rocking, clomping, scratching, fanning and cutting!

My aunt came back

From the city zoo And brought me back

And brought me back A monkey like YOU!!!





KOOKABURRA

Traditional Australian song

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree Merry merry king of the bush is he Laugh, Kookaburra, laugh Kookaburra Gay your likfe must be.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree Eating all the gum drops he can see Stop, Kookaburra, stop Kookaburra Leave some there for me!

FRERE JACQUES

Hint: Don't pronounce the final "s" in French.

Frère Jacques, Frère Jacques, Dormez vous? Dormez vous? Sonnez les matines, Sonnez les matines Ding Ding Dong, Ding Ding Dong

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping? Brother John, Brother John? Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing Ding Dong, Ding Ding Dong.

VIBERSKO – Crushed Peppers

A fast dance from Yugoslavia

Crushing peppers, crushing peppers I am crushing peppers.

Stomp around in a circle
Crushing peppers, crushing peppers,
Crushing peppers with my feet.

Stomp in place
Crushing peppers, crushing peppers
Crushing peppers with my knees.

Kneel down and use knees to "stomp"
Repeat using other parts of the body such as elbows, forehead, shoulder!

Crushing peppers, crushing peppers

Now my harvest work is done.

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.