



# AT HOME SUMMER CAMPS *for kids*

SAMPLE PAGES

A few pages of the activities in this packet!

# Searching for Stars

## Materials:

- 1 tablespoon dish soap (any kind works!)
- ¼ cup water
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- food coloring
- blender or food processor
- plastic bin
- plastic stars

Place all the ingredients into a blender. Turn it on until the foam reaches the top. Pour the contents into a plastic bin. (Repeat to make different colors. I made blue and turquoise.) Then add in plastic stars. Hide them and then have your child use their hands to try to find all the stars. Practice counting the stars and make sure they've found them all! You can have a bowl of water and a towel nearby to rinse the stars and your child's hands.



# Treasure Hunt

Materials:

- treasure clues (see the next page)
- treasure (a snack is a good idea!)

Print the treasure hunt clues on the next page. Hide them in the respected spaces, but keep the first card. (Ex: hide clue card #3 by the window) Read the card to your child and send them on the treasure hunt. Make sure to have some sort of "treasure" at the end. I suggest a yummy snack!

Clues:

1- Ahoy there matey! You have a job to do. To succeed, you'll have to figure out the clues. Go find the first one in your right shoe!

2- I bring in light and the sun warms me. When I'm too bright, you pull the shades on me. (window)

3- I'm loaded and unloaded, but I'm not a truck. I'm really good at getting off the muck. (dishwasher or sink)

4- I am a rectangle and I have a lock. People come to me and give me a knock. (front door)

5- I make it possible to have fresh food. Most people think I'm one cool dude! (refrigerator)

6- Turn me on and I'll give you light. I'm used some in the daytime, but mostly at night. (lamp)

7- It's my job to help you rest. Sitting on me is really the best! (couch)

8- I have four legs, but I don't have feet. I come in handy when it's time to eat! (table)

9- I take you places you've never been. You may just read me again and again! (book or bookshelf)

10- I never get angry, but do get hot. I'm the perfect place for a pan or a pot. (stove)

11- Every day I show a reflection of your face. You can find me near the toilet in the bathroom space. (mirror)

12- You did it! You found all the clues. Here's your treasure to enjoy. Wahoo!

# Sandpaper Prints

Materials:

- sandpaper
- crayons
- white paper or white t-shirt
- iron
- parchment paper

Have your child draw a colorful picture on sandpaper. Lay the sandpaper face down onto a piece of paper or t-shirt. Then place a piece of parchment paper on top. Heat an iron to high heat. Rub the iron on it for about 30 seconds. Carefully remove the parchment paper and sandpaper and see how the drawing transferred to the paper!



# Digging for Seeds

Materials:

- watermelon seeds (or black beans)
- watermelon Jell-O
- dish

Make the Jell-O according to the package directions. Before placing it in the fridge, add in 20-30 watermelon seeds or black beans. Once the Jell-O is set, bring it out for your child to play with. Go outside or place a towel underneath the dish. Allow your child to explore using their hands and to dig for the seeds. See how many seeds you can find! (They can also eat the Jell-O!)



# Miniature Ice Hockey Rink

Materials:

- tray
- water
- caps (applesauce pouch lids work well!)
- 2 popsicle sticks
- paper bowl
- super glue or hot glue gun

Create a hockey rink on a tray! Place a large tray in the freezer. Pour some water on top, so it has a thin layer of ice. Let it freeze. In the meantime, create hockey sticks by gluing two popsicle sticks together. (I cut one smaller than the other so it looked more like an "L.") Create a goal by cutting a paper bowl in half.

After the ice is frozen, take it out of the freezer and play a game of ice hockey!



# Baseball Snack

Materials:

- Rice Krispies
- marshmallows
- butter
- pan
- round cookie cutter
- frosting
- butter knife
- Twizzler Pull 'n Peel

Make the Rice Krispie treats. Use a circle cookie cutter to cut out the balls. Add two strings of Twizzlers on the sides to make a baseball. Eat the baseball snack and then bring a friend or a neighbor a treat, too!

