5 FUN LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR CURIOUS KIDS

Hands-On Projects to Spark Creativity and Curiosity

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to 5 Fun Learning Activities for Curious Kids!

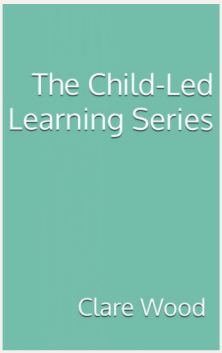
This eBook is packed with hands-on projects designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and a love for learning.

Whether you're a homeschooling parent, educator, or just looking for fun ways to engage your child, these activities are perfect for kids.

Hi, I'm Clare Wood, an early years educator and homeschooling mum.

Over the past year, I've created hundreds of activities inspired by my son Alexander's curiosity.

My book, The Child-Led Learning Series, is a comprehensive curriculum designed to help parents and educators nurture creativity and curiosity in kids.



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This eBook is designed to be flexible and fun! Here's how to use it:

- Print the activity sheets for hands-on learning.
- Adapt the activities to suit your child's age and interests.
- Use the extension ideas to dive deeper into each topic.
- Most importantly, have fun and let your child lead the way!

1 Roll-a-Story Game

Get ready to roll the dice and let your imagination run wild!

In this activity, you'll create your very own story by rolling the dice to choose a character, setting, and mode of transport.

Whether you're a pirate sailing the high seas or an astronaut exploring distant planets, the possibilities are endless!

Objective:
Develop creativity, storytelling, and language skills.

Materials:

- Printable Roll-a-Story chart (on next page) with character, setting, and transport options.
- Dice (or a virtual dice app).
- Paper and pencils for writing/drawing.

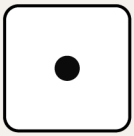
Steps:

1. Roll the dice 3 times to select your options (corresponding to the numbers that you roll.) *for example, the first roll to select a character, 2nd roll to select a setting and 3rd roll to select the transport.*
2. Use these elements to create a story (written or drawn).
3. Share the story with a family member or friend.

Extension Ideas:

- Act out the story using toys or costumes.
- Create a comic strip version of the story.
- Write a sequel or alternate ending.

Roll-a-Story Chart

NUMBER	CHARACTER	SETTING	TRANSPORT
	Dog	Museum	Rocket
	Robot	Beach	Bike
	Fairy	Mars	Scooter
	Pirate	Forest	Aeroplane
	Astronaut	Castle	Boat
	Rabbit	River	Train

2 Around the World Postcard Jigsaw Activity

Pack your bags—we're going on a global adventure!

In this activity, you'll explore countries like Japan, India, and Brazil through fun facts, creative prompts, and hands-on jigsaw puzzles. Cut out the pieces, assemble the postcard, and let your imagination take you around the world.

Objective:

- Introduce kids to different countries and cultures.
- Develop fine motor skills through cutting and assembling the jigsaw.
- Encourage creativity through writing.

Materials:

- Printable postcard jigsaw sheets (on next page).
- Scissors.
- Pen, crayons or pencils.
- Glue or tape (optional).

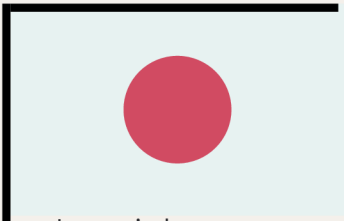
Steps:

1. Print the postcard jigsaw sheets.
2. Cut out the jigsaw pieces.
3. Assemble the postcard like a puzzle.
4. Read the fun fact and complete the task.

Extension Ideas:

- Research: Look up more facts about the country online or in a book.
- Map Activity: Find the country on a map or globe.
- Cultural Exploration: Try a recipe, song, or craft from the country.

Around the World Postcard Jigsaws



Japan is home to over
—that's one for every

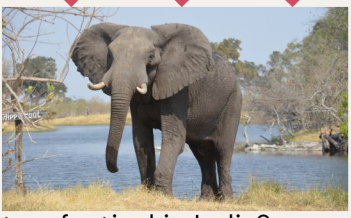
Draw your favorite Japan

ese food or landmark!

5 million vending machines
25 people!

Around the World Postcard Jigsaws

India is the world's largest



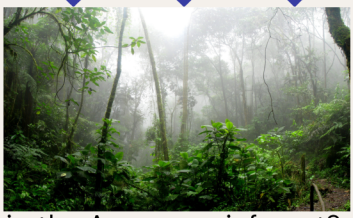
to a festival in India?

producer of mangoes!

What would you wear

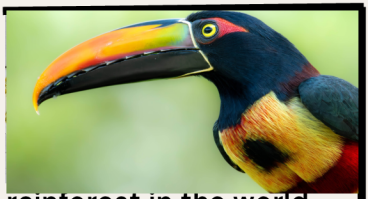
Around the World Postcard Jigsaws

Brazil has the largest



in the Amazon rainforest?

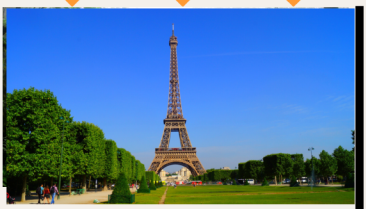
What animals would you see



rainforest in the world —the Amazon!

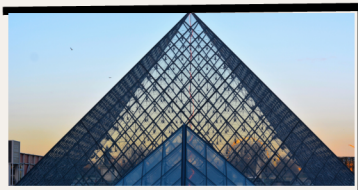
Around the World Postcard Jigsaws

What would you see at the



Eiffel Tower?

France is the most visited with over 89 million ,



country in the world tourists every year!

Around the World Postcard Jigsaws

over 10,000 beaches!

Australia is home to

What animals would

you find in Australia?

3

Mirror Symmetry Drawing

Discover the magic of symmetry with this fun drawing activity!

In this activity, you'll use a mirror to complete the other half of a drawing.

From butterflies to castles, you'll learn how to create perfectly balanced artwork.

Objective:

- Understand symmetry and improve drawing skills.

Materials:

- Printable half-drawn images (e.g., butterfly, face, castle).
- A small mirror.
- Pencils and crayons.

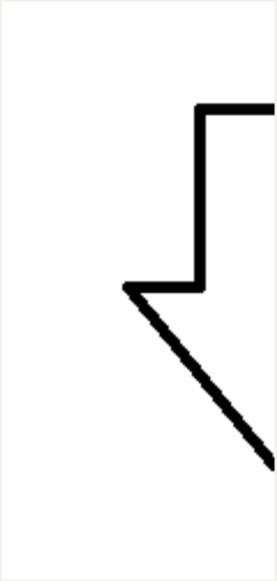
Steps:

1. Place the mirror vertically on the half-drawn image.
2. Use the reflection to complete the other half of the drawing.
3. Compare both sides to check for symmetry.

Extension Ideas:

- Create your own symmetrical drawings from scratch.
- Find symmetrical objects around the house (e.g., plates, books).
- Explore asymmetry by drawing mismatched halves.

Mirror Symmetry Drawing



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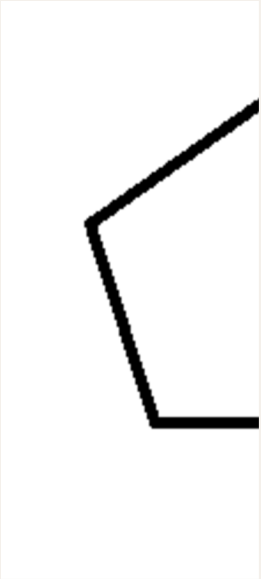

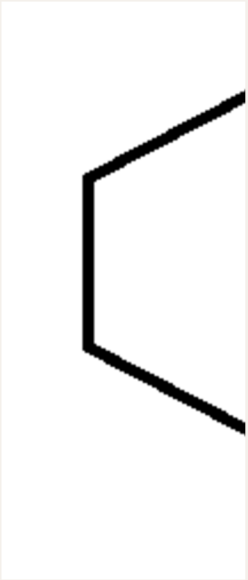

4 Three Little Pigs STEM Challenge

Can you build a house that stands up to the big bad wolf?

In this activity, you'll use materials like straws, sticks, and blocks to build three structures. Then, test their strength by blowing on them or placing small objects on top.

Will your house stand strong?

Objective:

- Learn about materials science and basic engineering principles.

Materials:

- Straws, popsicle sticks, and blocks (or paper, LEGO, etc.).
- A fan or hairdryer (to simulate the "wolf's breath").
- Printable recording chart (see next page).

Steps:

1. Build three structures using straws, sticks, and blocks.
2. Test each structure by blowing on it or placing small objects on top.
3. Record which material was the strongest.

Extension Ideas:

- Experiment with other materials (e.g., clay, cardboard).
- Build a structure that can withstand wind and weight.
- Research real-life examples of strong building materials.

Three Little Pigs STEM Challenge

Type of material	Did it stay up after blowing on it?	Did it stay up after placing small objects on to it?

WHAT WAS THE STRONGEST MATERIAL?

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Toy Car Ramp Experiment

Ready, set, go!

In this activity, you'll build a ramp and race toy cars to explore the science of speed, gravity, and friction.

Experiment with different ramp angles and surfaces to see what makes your car go faster or slower.

Objective:

- Explore basic physics concepts like gravity, friction, and speed.

Materials:

- Toy cars.
- Materials to build a ramp (e.g., cardboard, books, ruler).
- Timer or stopwatch.
- Printable recording chart (see next page).

Steps:

1. Build a ramp and place the toy car at the top.
2. Time how long it takes the car to reach the bottom.
3. Experiment with different ramp angles and surfaces (e.g., smooth vs. rough).

Extension Ideas:

- Measure the distance the car travels after leaving the ramp.
- Test different toy cars to see which is the fastest.
- Research how ramps are used in real life (e.g., wheelchair ramps, skate parks).

Toy Car Ramp Experiment

Type of Ramp (ie material and surface texture)	Ramp Angle (ie how tall)	How long did it take? (to reach the bottom of the ramp)

WHAT TYPE OF RAMP WAS THE FASTEST?

BONUS: Tree Detective Activity

Calling all nature detectives!

In this activity, you'll explore the great outdoors (or your back garden) to identify different types of trees.

Use your observation skills to record leaf shapes, bark textures, and more. Let's get exploring!

Objective:

- Learn about trees and develop observation skills.

Materials:

- Printable tree identification guide (see next page).
- Pencil and detective journal (included below) for recording observations.
- Crayon for leaf rubbings.
- Magnifying glass (optional).

Steps:

1. Go outside (or look at pictures) to identify different trees.
2. Record observations like leaf shape and bark texture in the tree detective journal (a few pages down).
3. Use the guide (on the next page) to match the tree to its name.

Extension Ideas:

- Create a leaf rubbing or bark rubbing.
- Research the life cycle of a tree.
- Plant a tree or care for a potted plant.

Tree Identification Guide

Tree Profiles

1. Oak Tree

- Leaves: Lobed edges, alternate arrangement.
- Bark: Rough and deeply grooved.
- Shape: Broad, spreading crown.
- Fun Fact: “Oak trees can live for over 200 years and provide homes for many animals!”

Tree Identification Guide

2. Maple Tree

- Leaves: Pointed lobes, opposite arrangement.
- Bark: Smooth when young, becoming rough with age.
- Shape: Round crown.
- Fun Fact: “Maple trees are famous for their syrup—it takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup!”

3. Pine Tree

- Leaves: Needle-like, bundled in groups of 2-5.
- Bark: Scaly and rough.
- Shape: Conical crown.
- Fun Fact: “Pine trees stay green all year round—they’re called evergreens!”

Tree Identification Guide

4. Birch Tree

- Leaves: Oval with serrated edges, alternate arrangement.
- Bark: Smooth and white with horizontal lines.
- Shape: Slender crown.
- Fun Fact: “Birch bark was used by Native Americans to make canoes and baskets!”

5. Apple Tree

- Leaves: Oval with serrated edges, alternate arrangement.
- Bark: Rough and scaly.
- Shape: Spreading crown.
- Fun Fact: “Apple trees can grow over 30 feet tall and produce fruit for up to 100 years!”

Tree Detective Journal

1. Tree Sketch: Draw the trees you observed.

Tree Detective Journal

2. Leaf Rubbings: Place the leaves under the page and rub with a crayon to see their shape.

Tree Detective Journal

WHAT TREE WAS THE LEAF FROM? 	WHAT SHAPE IS THE LEAF? (Round, oval, or pointed)	WHAT ARE THE EDGES LIKE? (Smooth, Serrated or Lobed)

Tree Detective Journal

WHAT TREE WAS THE BARK FROM? 	WHAT IS THE TEXTURE LIKE? (smooth, rough, or peeling)	WHAT IS THE COLOUR LIKE? (light, dark, or multicolored)

Tree Detective Journal

WHAT TREE IS IT?	WHAT IS THE SHAPE OF THE CROWN? (round, conical or spreading)	HOW TALL IS IT?? (tall, medium or short)
		

FUN FACT:

Write down one interesting thing you learned about trees.

Thank you for downloading 5 Fun Learning Activities for Curious Kids!

I hope these activities bring joy and curiosity to your home or classroom.

If you enjoyed this eBook, don't forget to check out The Child-Led Learning Series for even more hands-on projects and lesson plans - across 12 subjects, including art history, space exploration, cultural celebrations, and much, much more.

Designed for kids aged 4-12, this comprehensive curriculum makes learning fun, flexible, and stress-free.

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