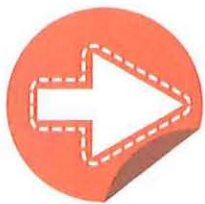




Meeting 4 I Am Special



Here are three fun ways that you can teach Busy Bees about people who care for them. Adapt these activities to meet the needs of your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities fulfill the requirement for My Self I: I Am Special. See the Busy Bee Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

ACTIVITY

1

Caring People Dress-up

20
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A book about an adult whose job it is to care about others, such as *A Day in a Life of a Firefighter* or *A Day in the Life of a Police Officer* by Linda Hayward (DK Children, 2001). Suggestions for book topics: firefighters, police officers, teachers, doctors, nurses.
- Dress-up props: hats, coats, lab coats, badges, firefighter hats, police officer hats, etc. The props should represent a variety of adults who care for children, including moms, dads, grandparents, and pastors.
- Pictures of adults who care for children. The pictures should match the dress up props you select.
- Camera

WHAT YOU DO

Begin by reading a story about adults who care for people. Then show the Busy Bees pictures of adults who care for them. Ask them if they can think of any other people who care for them.

Now let the Busy Bees dress up like different adults who care for them. Place the pictures with the dress up props and clothes so the children have an idea about what props to select. Have the children pose as they try on different costumes and take their picture with a camera. Email the pictures to the Busy Bees' parents/guardians or print the pictures and give them to the Busy Bees at the next meeting.



Paper Plate Mask

WHAT YOU DO

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MINUTES

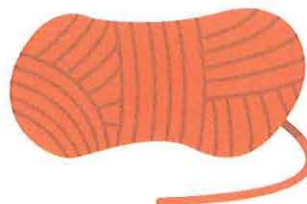
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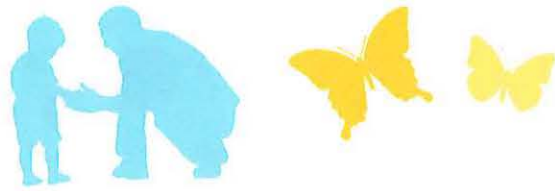
Ahead of time: Use a hole punch to make a hole in each side of the paper plate (about ear level). This is where the yarn will go to tie the mask onto the children's heads. Also, cut out two large holes for the eyes. Talk to the Busy Bees about people who care for them. Have them tell you who cares for them and what these people do to care for them.

Show the children a mask you've made of someone who cares for you. Now tell the children that they are going to make a mask of someone who cares for them. Give them each a paper plate with the pre-made holes. The children will use the crayons to draw the nose and mouth and will glue on yarn for the hair. With the help of an adult, they will tie a 10 in (25 cm) piece of string to each side of the paper plate mask.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 6 in (15 cm) plain white paper plates, one per child
- Hole punch
- Safety scissors
- Crayons
- Yarn in several "hair" colors, cut into 5 in (13 cm) pieces. You might want to bring some uncut yarn in case some of the children want to add long hair to their masks.
- Yarn cut into 10 in (25 cm) pieces
- All purpose (fast drying) glue





ACTIVITY

3

Caregiver Collage

10
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Begin by showing the Busy Bees a collage that you made and talk to them about the different people in your collage and how they care for you. Then show the children how to cut out pictures of people who care for them and how to glue them to the construction paper. Model overlapping the pictures so the children know that it is okay to do this. Then have each Busy Bee make a collage by selecting from the pictures that you provide.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Tubs filled with pictures of people caring for others, especially caring for children.
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks
- Construction paper, 12 × 18 in (30.5 × 46 cm)

TIP

The pictures you use can be pages torn from magazines or photos you've taken with your camera. You can also include pictures of people the Busy Bees know.



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