



Meeting

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Collecting



Here are three fun ways that you can get Sunbeams excited about starting their own collections. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Sunbeams or create your own activities.





The following activities partially complete the requirements for the Collector award.

ACTIVITY

1

Collection Mania

20
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- None

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Invite a collector to bring in his or her collection to show the Sunbeams. Give the collector some ideas of what you would like to discuss and for how long he or she is to talk.

Encourage the collector to tell the children how he or she got interested in this item. Discuss how he or she adds to the collection and how he or she organizes the collection. The collector could also talk about meeting and/or trading with other collectors.



Collection Collage

WHAT YOU DO

Begin by asking the Sunbeams if they or anyone they know collects something. Then talk about all of the different things they could collect. Now show them a collage you made of all of the things you would like to collect. Then have them cut out pictures of objects they would like to collect and glue the pictures onto construction paper. It's okay for the pictures to overlap. If there is time, let the children share with an adult what pictures they selected and why.

10
MINUTES

2

ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Magazines about hobbies (sports, nature, music, travel, etc.)
- Safety scissors
- Craft glue
- Construction paper, 12 × 18 in (30.5 × 46 cm)



ACTIVITY

3

Coin Jar

15

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- The smallest denomination of coins available in your country (pennies or nickels)
- Cans or juice or vegetable tins
- Strong, clear glue that will bond metal to a painted surface like Crafter's Pick: the Ultimate Glue or Aleene's Original Tacky Glue
- Spray paint

Ahead of time: Spray paint the outside of the cans the color of your choice. Determine how many coins each child will need to entirely cover the can with pennies/nickels.

Let the Sunbeams pick out the coins they want to use for this project. Then have the children arrange the coins in order of the year they were minted. Some kids may need adult help. Now find out who has the oldest coin and the newest. Find out if anyone has a coin from the year they were born. Now tell them they are going to make a holder for coins or other objects they might collect in the future. Beginning at the bottom of the can, have them glue the coins onto the can. Have the Sunbeams continue gluing the coins to the can until it is covered.



Award: Collector

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 126 and add activities as needed.