

Activities for the Letter M!



PRACTICE MAGIC TRICKS!

♥ Magic Bottle Trick ♥

Effect:

- The magician asks for a volunteer from the audience who looks inside a bottle to make sure it's a normal, empty container.
- The volunteer returns the bottle and then examines a magic wand to ensure it is normal.
- The magician drops the wand into the bottle (noting how easily it falls in).
- He/she turns bottle over and lets go of the wand.
- The wand magically remains suspended in the bottle.

Supplies:

- Magic wand (could use a pencil instead) that is taller than the bottle (when you drop the wand into the bottle, part of it should still be sticking up through the opening).
- Bottle that has an opening large enough to fit the wand in (but not too big). The bottle cannot be see-through
- Eraser

If you don't have a bottle that is dark, you can put some dark paint inside the bottle and shake it around so the inside is painted.

Cut a piece off the eraser, just large enough to wedge the wand into the opening of the bottle. The eraser is what makes the trick work!

Secret:

- Pass the bottle to the volunteer and ask them to make sure it's empty.
- Take back the bottle and give your friend the wand. Meanwhile, slip the piece of eraser into the bottle without anyone seeing (you can have it in your pocket until this point). You'll need to practice this a few times.
- Take the wand back and drop it into the bottle.
- Pick up the wand and bottle and turn them VERY SLOWLY upside down (mumble all sorts of enchantments while you're doing this).
- Pull on the wand slightly when the bottle is turning over so the piece of eraser gets wedged into the opening (you'll need to practice this a few times too).
- Let go of the wand... PRESTO! It doesn't fall out.
- Slowly turn upright again. Let go of everything and PRESTO the wand remains suspended in the bottle (it doesn't fall back down).
- To remove the wand, push it slightly to release the rubber and then take it out.

MAKE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT!!!

DRUM/SHAKER - youngest children

- margarine container, small yogurt container or similar plastic container
- dried beans, sand, rocks
- stickers, paint, markers, construction paper to decorate
- glue

Instructions:

- Decorate outside of container as desired.
 - Cut out shapes from construction paper or paint it or glue on white paper and color with markers.
 - Add stickers for extra fun!
- Fill about 1/4 or less of the way full of dried beans (or similar material)
- Put a bit of glue around the edge of the lid and put it on tightly. Add a rubber band to make sure!
- Shake your instrument or bang on it with an unsharpened pencil or wooden spoon

TAMBOURINE - kindergarten

- two paper plates
- hole punch and string/wool OR stapler
- dried beans, sand, rocks
- stickers, paint, markers, construction paper to decorate
- glue

Instructions:

- Decorate outside of paper plates as desired.
 - Cut out shapes from construction paper or paint it or color with markers.
 - Add stickers for extra fun!
- Fill one plate about 1/4 or less of the way full of dried beans (or similar material)
- Put the other plate over the first and punch holes all the way around the plates. Lace the plates together (tightly) with string or wool OR Staple the plates together.
- Shake your tambourine!

MUSICAL MARACAS from MEXICO - older children

- balloon
- paper mache and strips of newspaper
 - Make paper mache with one cup of flour and 4 cups of water. Boil, stirring frequently just long enough for it to thicken... take off the stove and put in a separate bowl. Add 4 ice cubes and stir those in
- dried beans
- cardboard tube (from paper towel roll is best)
- stickers, paint, markers, construction paper to decorate
- glue and tape

Instructions:

- Use a siphon (you can make one by rolling a piece of paper into a cone) and pour some beans into your balloon
- Blow up your balloon (don't swallow any beans!)
- Tape the cardboard tube onto the bottom of the balloon (use lots of tape)
- Cover with paper mache and let dry.
- Decorate outside of as desired.
 - You can cut out shapes from construction paper or paint it or color with markers.
 - Add stickers for extra fun!
- Shake your maraca!

MONKEY AROUND WITH THIS FUN RHYMING GAME!

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"



Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

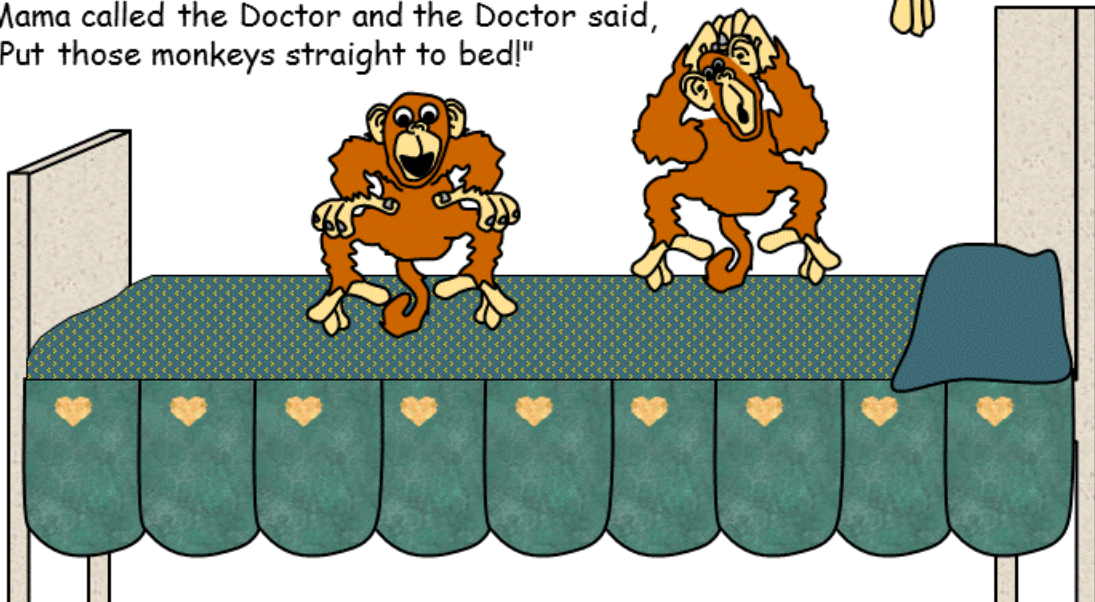


Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One fell off and bumped her head.
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"



One little monkey jumping on the bed,
He fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,
"Put those monkeys straight to bed!"



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