

PRELUDE

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Pipe cleaners, straws, "Follow the Plan" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid the following:
 - One pipe cleaner
 - Eight short straws
 - Six long straws
- Explain you will give kids a step-by-step plan to create an object with the pipe cleaner and straws. The catch is kids won't know what they are creating; they must just follow the plan.
- Read the step-by-step instructions from the "Follow the Plan" Activity Page.
- Start with an easy one such as the house.
- Instruct kids to follow the exact plan you give them, but be careful not to correct anyone who places a straw incorrectly.
- Challenge kids to guess what they are making. Award a point to the first kid to guess correctly.

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"You did a great job following the plan even though you didn't know what the outcome was going to be. Sometimes we are told to do something that doesn't seem like it will work. What are some things you can do when you are given a plan that doesn't make sense?"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What are some regular, everyday situations that you need a plan for?
- What can you do when you're not in charge, but the plan doesn't seem like it'll work? *(For example, when you think you should do something different than what a parent or teacher is asking you to do.)*
- What can you do if you know God has a plan but you're not sure how everything will work out? *(This is an opportunity to discuss even when we don't know the outcome part of God's plan is for us to continue to trust Him, continue to follow Him, and live the way He wants us to.)*
- What are some things God has done for you? How can remembering what God has done in the past help you have confidence and trust Him now?

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(Note: This one is the easiest.)

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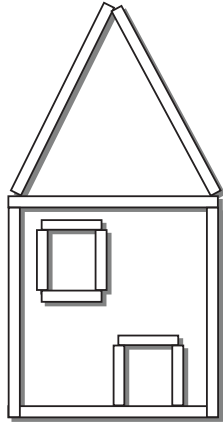
Using 2 long straws, make a triangle on the top of the square.

Using 3 short straws, make a small square along the bottom inside of the large square.

Using 4 short straws, make small squares inside the large square.

What is it?

A HOUSE



Place 1 long straw pointing towards you.

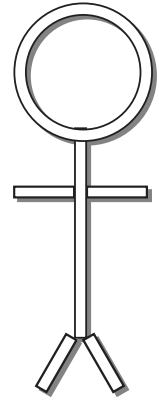
Using 2 short straws make a "T" in the middle of the long straw.

Using 2 short straws, at the bottom of the long straw, make an upside down "V".

Using a pipe cleaner, make a circle. Place the circle on top of the long straw.

What is it?

A STICK PERSON



Using a pipe cleaner, make a circle.

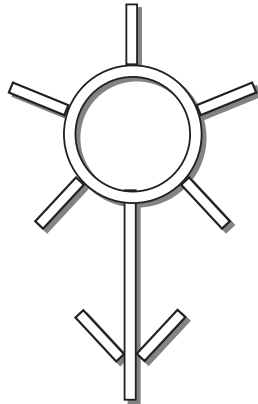
Place 5 small straws evenly spaced around the outside of the circle.

At the bottom of the circle, place one long straw.

Using 2 short straws, make a "V" along the long straw.

What is it?

A FLOWER



Place one long straw pointing towards you.

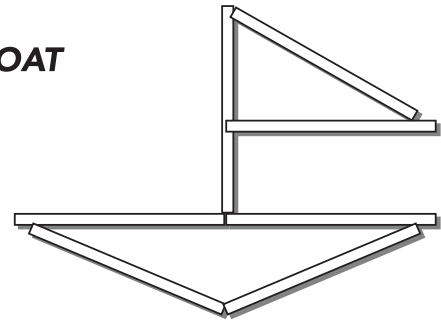
At the top of the straw, use 2 long straws to make a triangle pointing to the right.

Add 2 long straws at the bottom of the original straw to make an upside down "T".

Place 2 long straws under the "T" to make a triangle that points toward you.

What is it?

A BOAT



What to Do:

Provide one for each small group.