Great hands-on activities that help to further explore the books!

Pairing a hands-on activity with a book after you read it is a great way for preschoolers to comprehend what happened in the story.

It provides an opportunity for you to discuss the lessons that the book is sharing with us, and helps children form a stronger memory of the story.

From art to color sorting to fine motor, the following are fun activities based on a popular picture book for you to experience along with your little ones!

We would love for you to share how you used these activities and any additional activities that you might have used to support the learning from your favorite children’s book.

Feel free to post ideas and pictures on our Facebook page at: www.Facebook.com/borninglearning
Monsters Go Night-Night

Find each of the words from the book and circle.

O M Y X S B R U S H
N O N B C L F D H H
D M X A W X W V B R
A M U T G P E C A L
K Y N H U X A P B K
I D G J P N R S Y D
S A Y H E C N O J
S D Y U Y M Z A X T
V D N G W Y H C L B
F Y B S N A C K K U E

BATH SNACK HUGS
BABY BRUSH MOMMY
DADDY KISS WEAR
SNACK
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Shape Monsters

Supplies

Construction Paper, Scissors and Glue
(A great glue to use is the disappearing purple glue stick. Littles will love it and the way it disappears is cool!)

Instructions

1. Cut out Shape Monsters—You’ll want each monster to be almost the size of the piece of construction paper to allow you to have enough space to glue everything on.
2. Choose basic shapes that your child can easily draw and cut out. Here are great ones to start with: square, oval, star, heart, circle, and pentagon. Next time you could add a rectangle and hexagon.
3. Cut shapes for the features in different colors (eyes, noses, arms, legs, mouths, teeth, etc.)
4. You can use semi-circles for the mouths, small triangles and semi-circles for teeth and noses. Make sure to cut enough circles so that each monster could have at least 2 eyes one larger circle and another smaller for the pupil.
5. Glue the features onto each shape monster body.

More Learning Fun with Shape Monsters

Keep the learning going with this shape monster craft by talking about the colors of your monsters, labeling the shapes, and counting how many shapes you used.

You can compare the sizes of shapes – which are smaller? Which are bigger? How many sides does each shape have?

This is another good reason to display your children’s artwork for a little while after it’s made. It gives you lots of opportunities to talk about what you did afterwards.