

“Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug”

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Supplies for activities needed:

- Construction Paper
- Paper Bag
- Markers
- Googly Eyes/Sticker Eyes
- Glue Stick

Activity One: T-Rex Puppet

- School Readiness Outcome (SRO) goals met:
 - Relates to Children: Identifying other children as friends or being identified as a friend
 - Expresses Feelings: Responding appropriately to the feelings of others
 - Negotiates Social Conflicts: Finding acceptable ways to get others to pay attention to problems, not by force
- Instructions:
 1. Read the book “Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug”. Prompt your child with the following discussion questions.



- What emotion is Tiny feeling?
 - Why does Tiny feel this way?
 - How does Pointy help solve Tiny’s problem?
 - Who are your friends?
 - What does it mean to be a good friend?
 - Has there ever been a time where you felt upset and a friend helped you? What did your friend do to make you feel better?
 - How have you helped your friends when they are feeling down?
2. Find a paper bag, colored construction paper, googly eyes/eye stickers, markers and glue stick to create a face showing a feeling from the story.
 3. Lay paper bag down while keeping the bottom flap (closed end of bag) at the top. Make sure to point the opening of the flap towards you.
 4. Where the flap meets the body of the bag, draw a mouth/lips for the puppet.
 5. At the top of the flap, place the googly eyes or eye stickers.
 6. Add any finishing touches to the puppet’s face!
 7. To make your puppet look like a dinosaur, cut triangles for teeth, add a tail, arms and legs. Use your imagination and creativity!
 8. After your puppet is complete,

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- Extension activity ideas: Dinosaurs Dots
 - School Readiness Outcome (SRO) goals met:
 - Makes Comparisons: The child makes an object smaller or bigger and comments on the change
 - Makes Comparisons: Identifies similarities between objects using a comparison word and identifies differences between objects using a comparison word
 - Instructions:
 1. Have an adult help you cut out different shapes (circles, ovals, triangles, squares, etc.)
 2. Place and glue these shapes all over your dinosaur puppet.
 3. Use the following guiding questions while adding the shapes:
 - What shape is bigger (or smaller)?
 - What colors are the different shapes?

Activity Two: Paper Heart Hug

- School Readiness Outcome (SRO) goals met:
 - Relates to Children: Identifying other children as friends or being identified as a friend
 - Relates to Adults: Initiating interaction with familiar adults
 - Expresses Feelings: Expressing Feelings in acceptable ways
 - Beginning Writing: Writing some words or short phrases besides their own name
 - This activity also helps develop fine motor skills
- Instructions:
 1. Have your child think of someone that they love and would like to send their paper heart hug to.
 2. With adult assistance, cut out three hearts. Make sure there are two smaller hearts and one big heart.
 3. Using the googly eyes or eye stickers, place the eyes on the large heart.
 4. Draw a mouth or lips underneath the eyes.
 5. With adult assistance, cut two long strips that are the same size for the arms.
 6. Glue the arms to the heart (be creative and fold the arms “accordion style”, make curly or wavy arms, etc.)
 7. On the back of their heart, write a loved one’s name and a short message for them.
 8. Give the loved one their paper hug!



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