

Beyond the Book Activities

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Parents/Caregivers: Why do books matter? It all comes down to ABCs.

- **A child deserves to be prepared:** Educators emphasize that reading with your preschool child is one of the most important activities to prepare them for kindergarten.
- **Books are essential:** Studies by the National Assessment of Educational Progress organization have consistently found that the more reading material available in the home, the better students' reading levels are likely to be.
- **Cost of children not being prepared:** According to the Wilder Research, in Minnesota, the cost of children entering kindergarten unprepared is approximately \$113 million annually to school systems due to increased:
 - Student aid
 - Special education and grade repetition
 - Teacher related costs
 - Impact on school safety due to delinquent behavior

Utilize the following activities to take you and your child(ren) beyond the book you just read.

These activities were developed through the cooperation of United Way Success By 6, Marshall Lyon County Public Library and Marshall ECFE Little Cubs.

Supplies Needed

Activity 1

- Pairs of shoes

Activity 2

- White paper
- Crayons or markers

Activity 3

- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Popsicle sticks

***Read book before getting ready for each activity.**

Activity 1: Pair of Shoes

Supplies you'll need: Pairs of shoes

Directions:

- Have your child gather pairs of shoes from throughout the house.
- Place one shoe of each pair in a line, and the other in a pile.
- Take turns with your child to find a matching shoe.
- Continue taking turns until all pairs have been matched up.
- Challenge your child to match up the shoes as quickly as possible

Additional options:

- After the shoes are paired, count how many pairs there are.
- Have your child line up the shoes from smallest to biggest.

Activity 2: Sweet Feet

Supplies you'll need: White paper, markers or crayons



Directions:

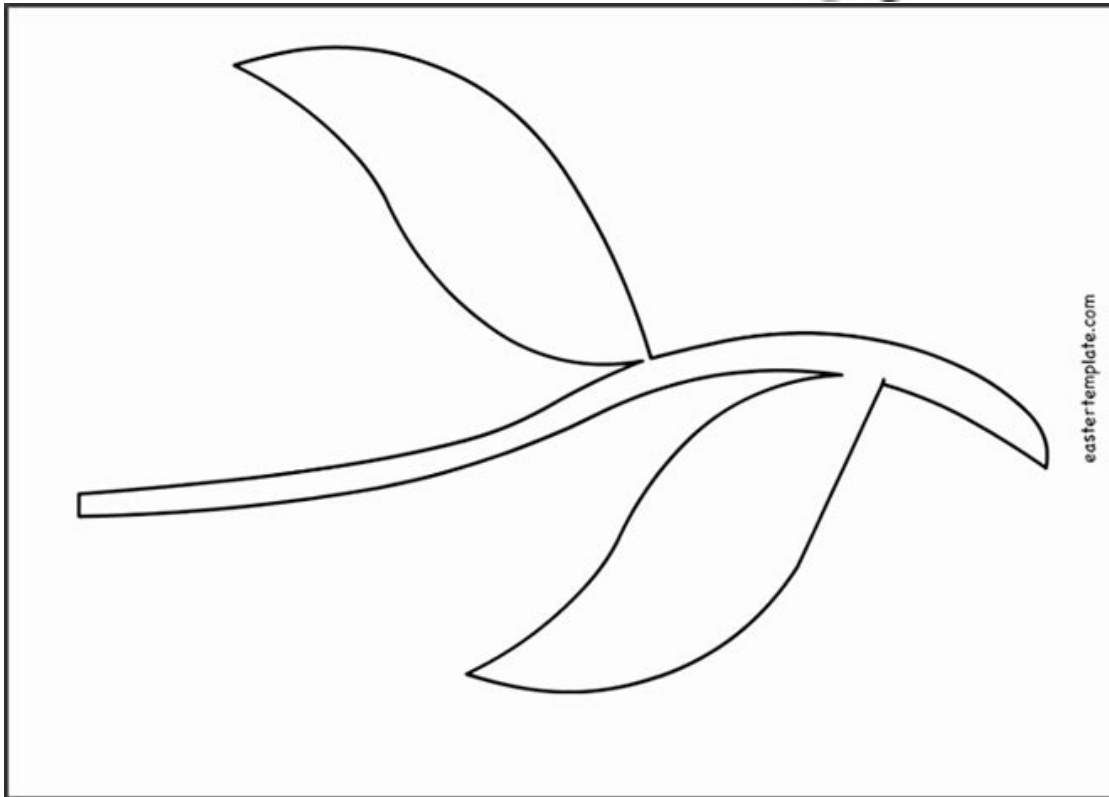
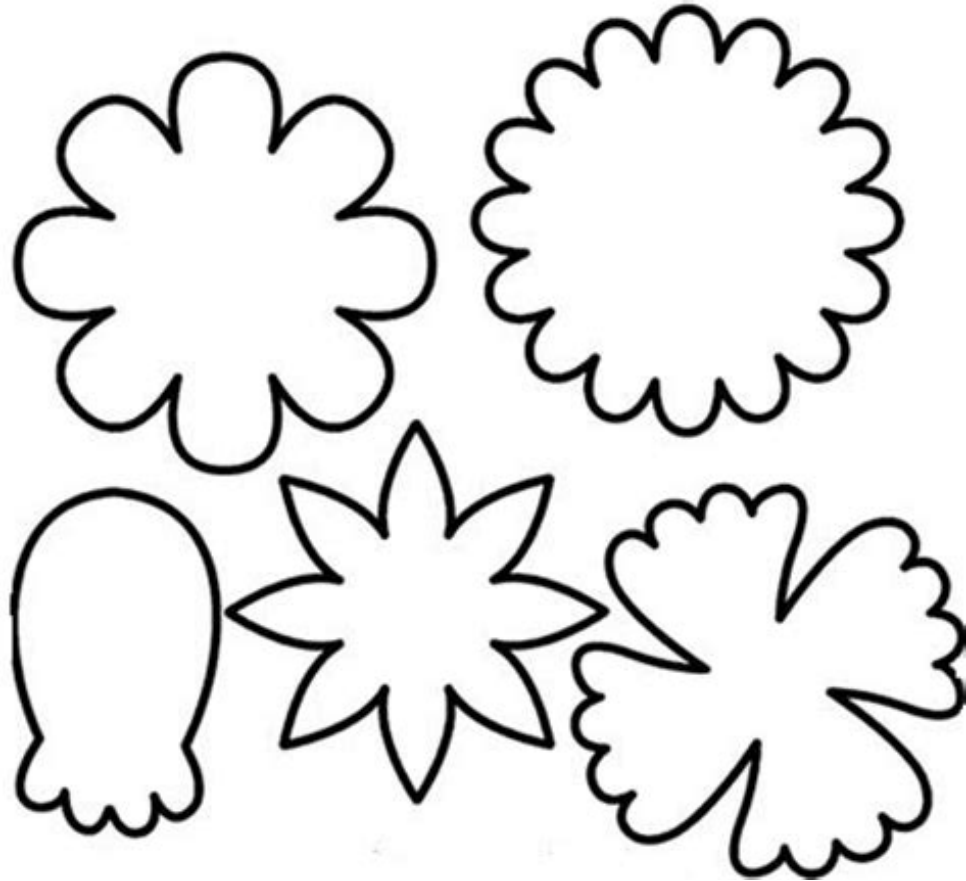
- Have your child remove his socks and shoes.
- Have your child stand on a sheet of white paper.
- Trace your child's feet with markers/crayons.
- Below the footprints number them "1" and "2."
- Using each child's name, title them "[child name]'s Two Sweet Feet."
- Have your child color or decorate their feet.

Activity 3: Flowers

Supplies you'll need: Flower & leaf templates (provided), crayons, popsicle sticks, glue, scissors

Directions:

- Have your child color the flowers and cut them out.
- Have your child glue each flower to the top of a popsicle stick.
- Have your child put their finished flower in a plastic vase so your family can enjoy them.
- OPTIONAL: Color stem & leaves combination and also apply to the popsicle stick.



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