

IT's a Mystery to Me!



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Mystery Movies

1. Rolie Polie Olie – A Spookie Ookie Halloween
2. Winnie the Pooh: Frankenpooh and Spookable Pooh
3. Scooby Doo's Creepiest Capers

Are you 'Game' for a good mystery?

***Blues Clues Game:** found at: www.areyougame.com is a great game for teaching little ones about clues and being observant.



Cranium Cariboo: a game of number, letter, shape and color recognition along with finding a hidden treasure at the end is a great game for toddlers and preschoolers alike.

In addition, the board game: **Scooby Doo Where Are You?** is also good game of Mystery.

Clue Jr. and Alphabet Detective: would also be good games to try, especially for the older preschoolers.

All games mentioned can be found at: Toys R Us, www.amazon.com or www.areyougame.com

~On the web~

Looking for an activity for the whole family/neighborhood? In early October check out this site, and you too can spread some mystery through your neighborhood!

Ghosting:

<http://www.sasee.com/ghosted.html>

Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?



You need a small group of children or other family members to play.

The Chant:

(feel free to change "Doggy Doggy" to "Clifford, Clifford", "Scooby, Scooby", etc.)

Doggy, Doggy, where's your bone?

Somebody stole it from your home.

Guess who! Maybe you...
Maybe the monkeys from the zoo.

Wake up doggy, find your bone.

How to play:

Have one child be the doggy. They should sit on the floor and everyone else in a circle around them. Have the "doggy" close/cover their eyes while the song is chanted (it doesn't really have a tune). Have an adult give the bone to someone sitting in the circle while chanting the song. Have everyone in the circle hide their hands behind their backs. When the chant is over, the doggy can uncover his or her eyes and try to guess which person has the bone. Whoever had it gets to be the next doggy.

I Spy



Some Good Books

- ♦ Miss Nelson is Missing
- ♦ Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?
- ♦ Dot & Jabber and the Mystery of the Missing Steam
- ♦ Dot & Jabber and the Great Acorn Mystery
- ♦ Art Dog
- ♦ I Spy Mystery: A Book of Picture Riddles
- ♦ Where Do Balloons Go? An Uplifting Mystery
- ♦ Alphabet Mystery
- ♦ Young Cam Jansen
- ♦ Nate the Great
- ♦ The Missing Mitten Mystery
- ♦ Mercer Mayer's Little Monster Private Eye Detective Kit (www.amazon.com)
- ♦ <http://mall.gtw.net/lhm/pcordepage.asp> Free book!

Mystery Sounds

Play a CD such as: Nature Sounds: Growing Minds With Music, & have your child try & guess what sounds he hears. You can tape your own sounds from around the house as well.



Fun Activities for Little Detectives

What's Inside a Pumpkin?:

Have them guess how it will feel, what they will see, what it will smell like, etc. Then cut open the top of a pumpkin and show them. After cleaning the pumpkin out use the following materials to make a fun pumpkin book.

Materials: Orange, green and brown construction paper, a black marker, orange yarn, glue, clean pumpkin seeds, a brad, scissors

Directions:

Cut 2 equal size pumpkins from the orange paper, cut a stem from the brown and 1 or 2 leaves from the green. Write "What's Inside a Pumpkin?" on the front of one of the pumpkins w. the black marker. Have your child then glue down the stem and leaves to this same piece. Then have them glue pieces of the orange yarn and pumpkin seeds on the front of the 2nd pumpkin paper. Have them put the cover page on top of the yarn page. Poke the brad through the tops of both to hook them together. Now they will be able to swing the cover away to see the inside of their pumpkin. (-;

Mystery Coloring Pages:

- 1) <http://coloring-page.net/scooby-doo.html>

Mysterious Markings

Mystery art project found at:

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/actpag165.html>

Mystery Foods



Mystery Face Pizza:

Ingredients: 2 English muffins, each halved, or 1 small baguette, cut in half, or small pre-baked pizza shells, 4 tablespoons good tomato sauce (homemade or bought) and 1/2 cup grated Cheddar, Gruyère or mozzarella cheese. Include any of the following you choose: thinly sliced zucchini, sliced mushrooms, corn kernels, raw bell pepper strips, cheese shapes, olives, fresh basil leaves, small pepperoni slices, pineapple.....use your imagination (-;

Preheat broiler. Lightly toast muffins or baguette if used. Divide tomato sauce between each of the cut sides of muffin or baguette or the two shells. Spread evenly, then sprinkle with cheese.

Top with vegetables, making patterns, animal faces or people faces. Put on cookie sheet and broil until cheese is bubbling and golden.

Make pizza look like friends and family members. Guess who is who.