

Theme: The Crows and the Pitcher

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Hi StrongStart Families,

Today's content is brought to you by Ms. Cindy (from Cook) & Ms. Joni (from Waverley).

A fable is a short story that illustrates a moral lesson. The plot of a fable includes a simple conflict and a resolution, followed by a moral statement.

Crows are one of the cleverest birds of all! You can find them everywhere – at the seaside, in forests, in cities and in your garden. They eat many different types of food, including leftover scraps, insects, fruit, seeds, and worms. Can you squawk like a crow?

Listen to this felt board story, The Crow and the Pitcher, retold by Ms. Joni - <https://youtu.be/bAuQ0u5DNq8>

Sing along with Ms. Cindy the "10 little blackbirds" - <https://youtu.be/q7sSM7lvf30>

Scientists have set lots of tests for crows and found that crows really are as smart as the one in The Crow and the Pitcher story. Let's try a mini science experiment using water, a jar, felt pen, pebbles or marbles.

Fill a jar with water until it is one-third full. Mark this level with a pen.

Mark another level two thirds of the way up the jug.

Ask your child to estimate how many pebbles or marbles you will need to make the water rise to the second level.



Another thing you can do with a jar is to make an “I SPY” jar.

In a clear jar or a plastic bottle (with lid) or a clear Ziploc bag, fill 1/2 container/bag with rice, beans, small pebbles, small beads as “fillers”, and then add a few trinkets, sprinkles, and then more filler material. Continue to layer between filler and trinkets until there is one inch of space left at the top. This space at the top of bottle allows the items to move around the bottle so that you can “SPY” all the things. Securing seal lid or opening of bag with tape so items will not fall out.

Trinket ideas for I SPY jars: small plastic animal, buttons, scrabble letters, puzzle pieces, crayons, stickers, pom poms, googly eyes, paperclips, or just take a peek in that junk drawer.



Or alternatively, you can play “I SPY” by looking around your surrounding. Pick an object that everyone can see, but do not reveal the object. Announce the color of selected object. For example, if you pick something that is blue, say “I spy with my little eye something that is blue”. Then have people guess the object you chose.

Have fun with today's activities 😊

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