

THEME: BATS

AGE: 3



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Song	Bats are Sleeping, Bats are Sleeping	Bats are Sleeping, Bats are Sleeping	Bats are Sleeping, Bats are Sleeping	Deep in the Bat Cave	Deep in the Bat Cave	Trip to the local zoo or nature center to see bats
Art	Coloring Page	Bat mobile	Water Color Bat Reveal	Black Finger Paint Bats	Handprint Bat Craft	
Math	Bat Magnets	Counting Cups	Finish the Pattern Worksheet	Shape Matching Game	Count the Bats Worksheet	
Science	Night Scene	Insect Hunt	Echolocation	Bats Sleep Upside Down	Bats Can Fly	Trip to the local library to check out books on bats
Language	Letter B	Bat Rhyming Game	Story Time	Letter B Tracing Page	Memory Card Game	
Snack	Fruit	Cinnamon Sugar Bats	Ants on a Log	Bat Cheese on Crackers	Sugar Cookies	

MATERIALS:

Bat Shaped Cookie Cutter
Color Crayons or Markers
Craft Stick (large popsicle stick)
Safety Scissors
Tape
Glue or Glue Sticks
String or Fishing Line
4 Sheets Black Construction Paper
1 Sheet Dark Blue Construction Paper
Clear Contact Paper (optional)
File Folder or piece of cardboard (optional)
Adhesive Magnets
Small Paper Cups (or any other small container)
Cardstock (optional) or Construction Paper
Small Container

Pen or Pencil
Googley Eyes
White Crayon
Water Color Paints
Plain Copy Paper
Butcher Paper or
White or Brown Packing Paper

SNACK INGREDIENTS:

Cheese
Crackers
1 1/2 Cups Butter
1/2 Cup Melted Butter
2 Cups White Sugar
1/4 Cup White Sugar
4 Eggs
1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
5 Cups All-Purpose Flour
2 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Salt
Fresh Fruit
Celery
Peanut Butter or Cream Cheese
Raisins or other Dried Fruit

Flour Tortillas
1/2 tsp. Cinnamon

BATS ARE SLEEPING BATS ARE SLEEPING

(SUNG TO: FRERE JACQUES)

BATS ARE SLEEPING, BATS ARE SLEEPING

UPSIDE DOWN, UPSIDE DOWN

WAITING FOR THE NIGHT

WAITING FOR THE NIGHT

THEN FLY AROUND, THEN FLY AROUND



DEEP IN THE BAT CAVE

TUNE: "DOWN BY THE STATION"

BY: LIZ RYERSON



DEEP IN THE BAT CAVE

EARLY IN THE EVENING,

SEE THE LITTLE BLACK BATS

HANGING IN A ROW.

NOW IT'S GROWING DARKER,

TIME TO LEAVE THE BAT CAVE.

ZIP! ZIP! ZIP! ZIP!

OUT THEY GO.





BAT MOBILE

Materials:

Templates

Color Crayons or black construction paper

String or fishing line

Googly eyes

Glue (if using googly eyes)

Tape

Directions:

Either cut out the templates from black construction paper, or color in with crayons and then cut out.

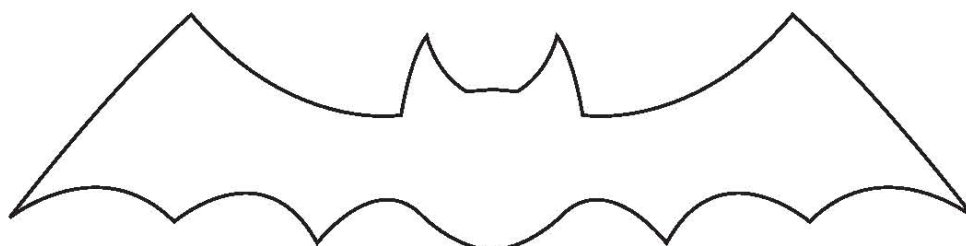
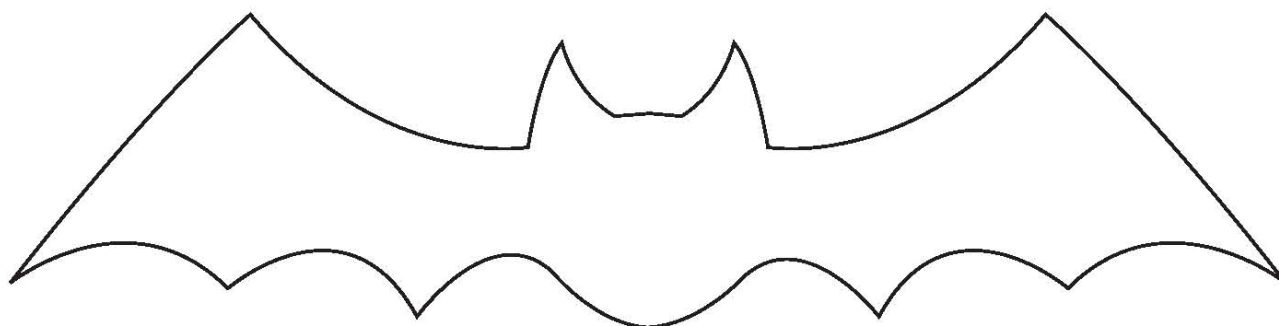
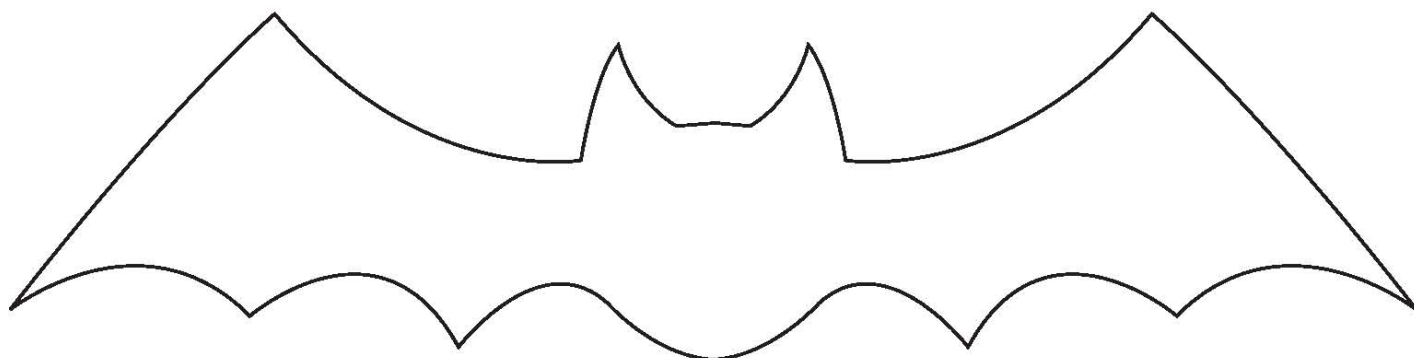
Glue on googly eyes – let dry

Take a length of string (or fishing line) and tape the bats on.

Hang from the ceiling or in a window.

Enjoy your bats!

Use this template to help create a festive Halloween decoration or craft.



WATER COLOR BAT REVEAL

Materials:

White Crayon

White Copy Paper

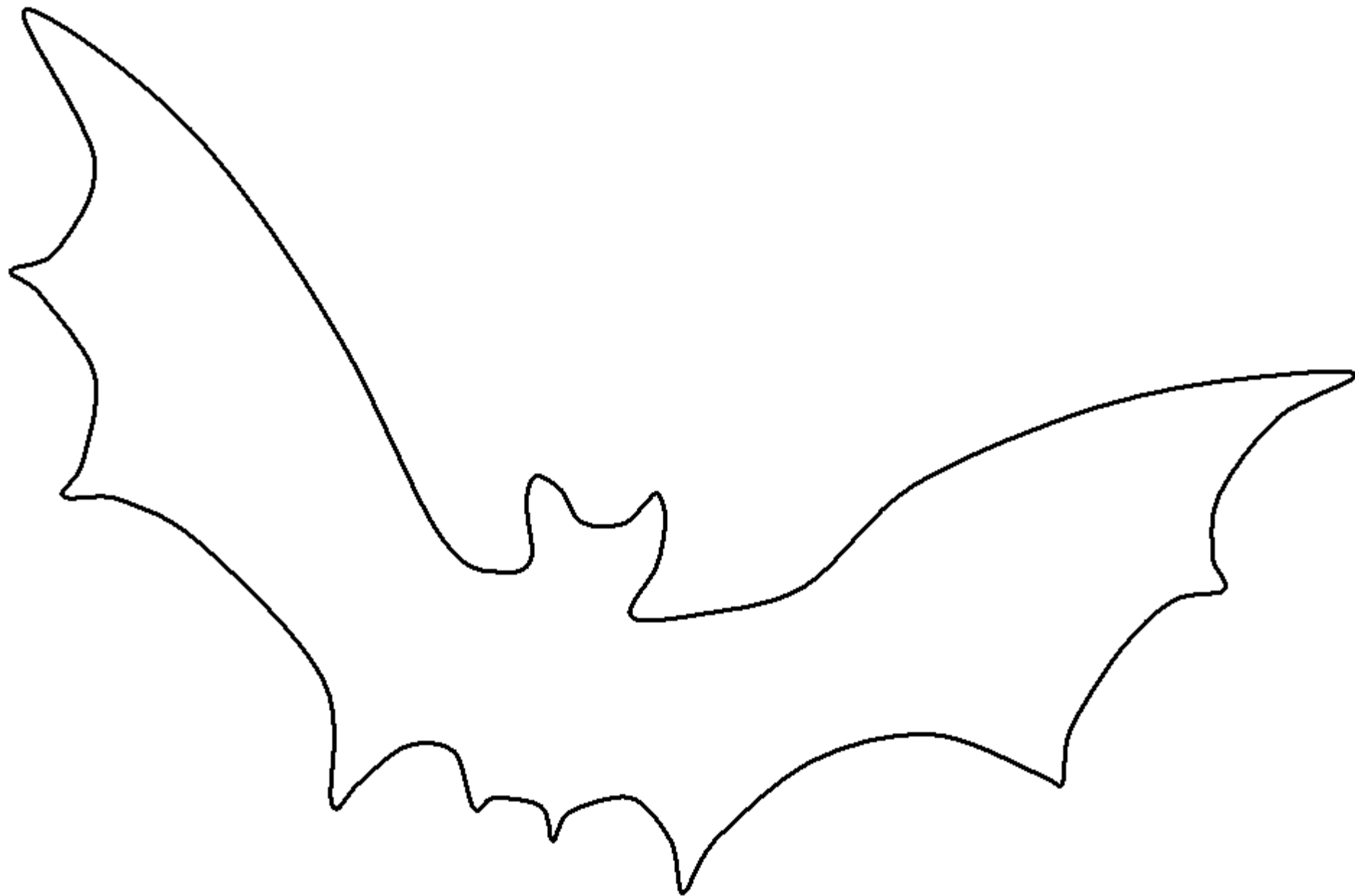
Water Colors Paint Set

Directions:

Take the piece of white copy paper and lay it over the template below. Trace the bat onto the copy paper using the white crayon.

Have your child paint over the paper with water color paints.

Watch your bat magically appear!



http://www.coloring.ws/t_template.asp?t=http://www.coloring.ws/halloween/5.gif

BLACK FINGER PAINT BATS

Materials:

Black Finger Paint (I recommend Crayola washable – its more expensive, but also more washable!)

Butcher Paper (you can use butcher paper, or packing paper – anything large. White or brown is best)

Directions:

Take the black finger paint and paint a large area of butcher or packing paper. Let you child get creative. You can use sponge brushes, or sponges. You can add in sand or glitter. The more textured and varied, the better your bats will look.

Once dry, you can cut the paper into large bat shapes. These are great displayed on a wall.

You can also fold the painted paper in half and then cut out the bat shapes. This will give you a matching set. You can glue these together and hang from the ceiling. If you make them large enough you can staple them together and stuff with newspaper (or the shredded material from a personal paper shredder) and hang them from the ceiling.

Have fun!!

HANDPRINT BAT CRAFT

The following is from the website: <http://www.dltk-kids.com>

For my little guy, I find that it is easier if I cut out the pieces and he glues them together, but if your child is comfortable cutting their own out go for it!

DLTK's Crafts for Kids

Handprint Bat Craft

Yet another craft that uses handprints (I love 'em!!). You can really make any animal with wings this way, but it's always nice to have a printable template on hand for the rest of the critter.

Check out the [Handprint Poems](#) on the site if you would like to include one with the craft.

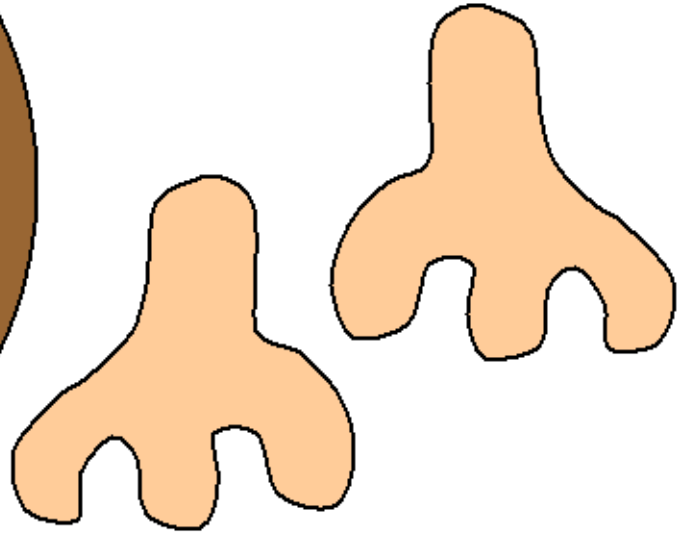
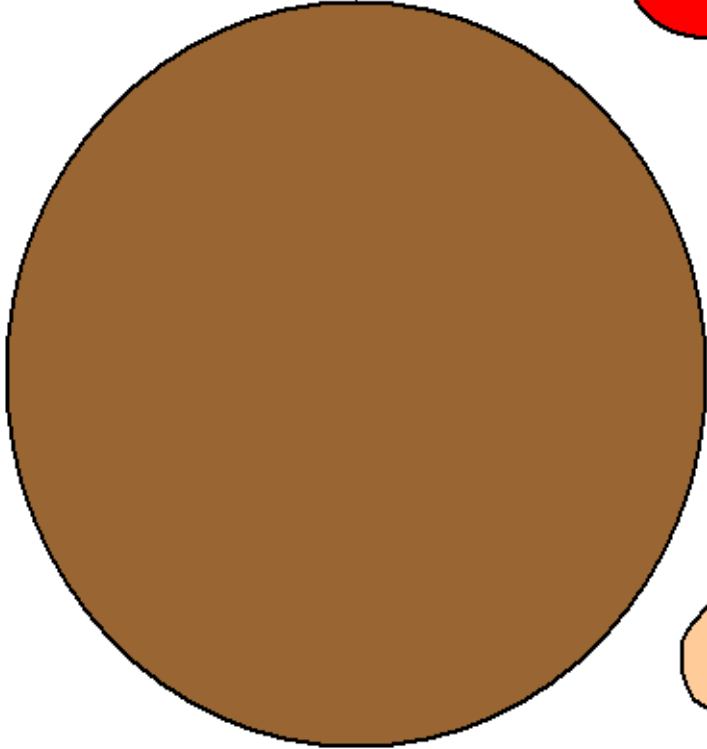
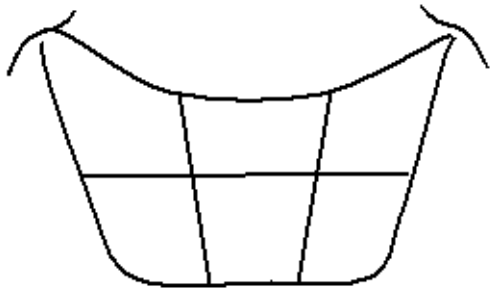
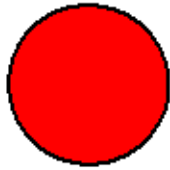
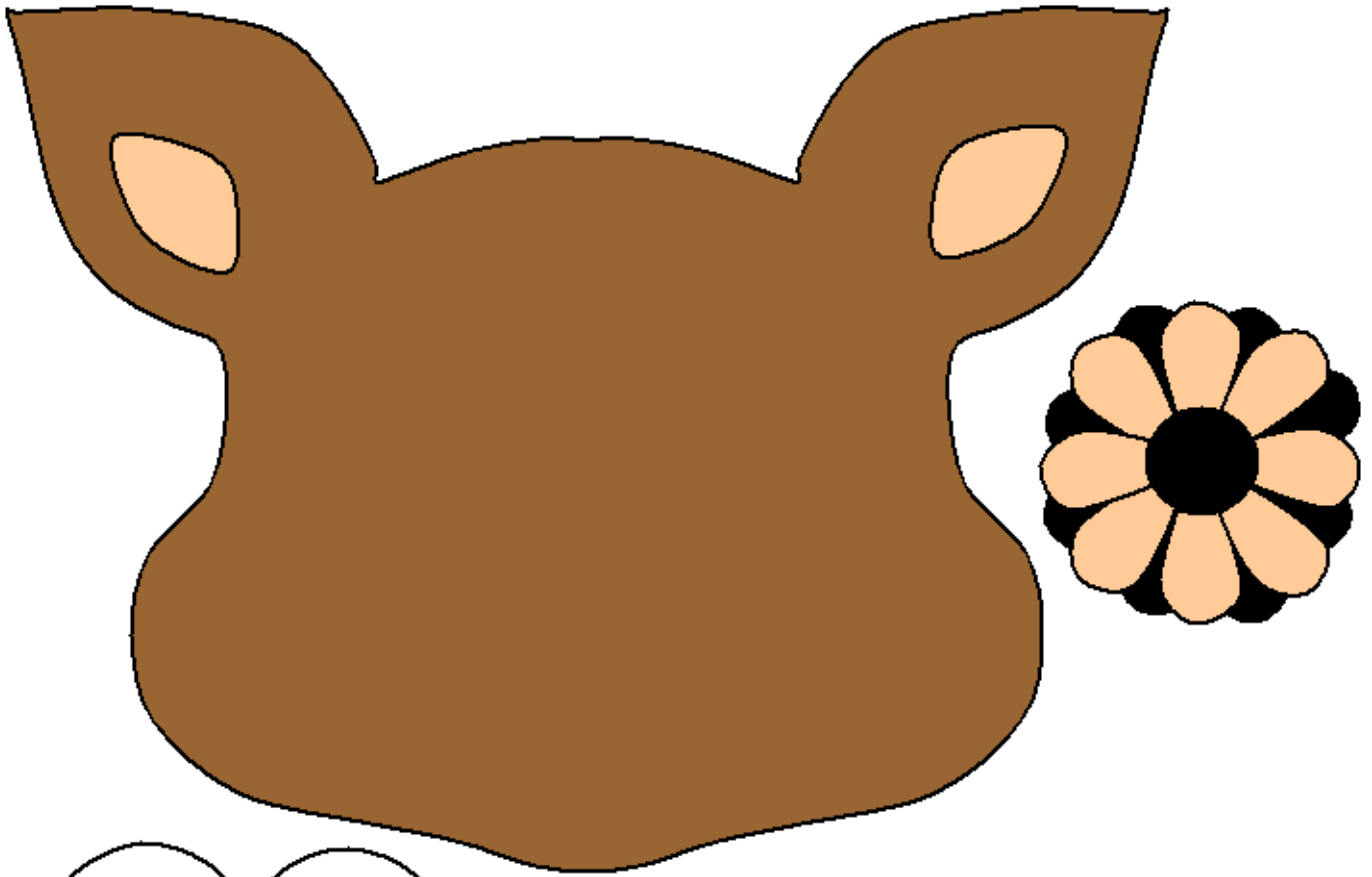
Materials:

- paper (for handprints) - brown or black construction paper work well
- pencil or marker

- scissors,
- glue,
- printer and paper
- something to color with

Instructions:

- Print out the template of choice.
- Color the template pieces (if using the B&W version).
- Cut out the template pieces (young children may need help with this step).
- Trace the child's hands on another piece of paper and cut out (two handprints) -- black or brown construction paper works well (or you can color a piece of white paper).
- Glue the bat together:
 - Glue the head to the oval body
 - Glue the face onto the head
 - Glue the legs onto the bottom of the body
 - Glue the handprint wings on the back of the body
 - Glue the flower by an ear, on a wing or beside the neck
 - OPTIONAL: Print a [Handprint Poem](#) on the back



BAT MAGNETS

Materials:

Bat Templates

Adhesive Magnets

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Directions:

Print out the bat templates.

Cut out (you don't have to cut out every detail. Around the image is fine!

Cover with the clear contact paper (to make them last longer).

Add a magnet to the back of each bat.

Use these bats on a refrigerator or other magnetic surface. The point of the game is to put them in order of size. Smallest to biggest and then biggest to smallest. Have fun and play around with it!



COUNTING CUPS

Materials:

- Bat and Number Templates
- Small paper cups (or any other small container)
- Clear Contact Paper (optional)
- Tape or Glue

Directions:

- Print out the bat and number templates.
- Cover the bats with the clear contact paper (to make them last longer – completely optional).
- Cut out the templates.
- Tape or glue the numbers on to your cups (or other small container).
- Count the correct number of bats with your child and help them to put the corresponding number of bats into the cup or container with that number.
- Remember, this game is supposed to be fun! After a few tries, my son is more interested in dumping out the bats than in counting them out anymore.

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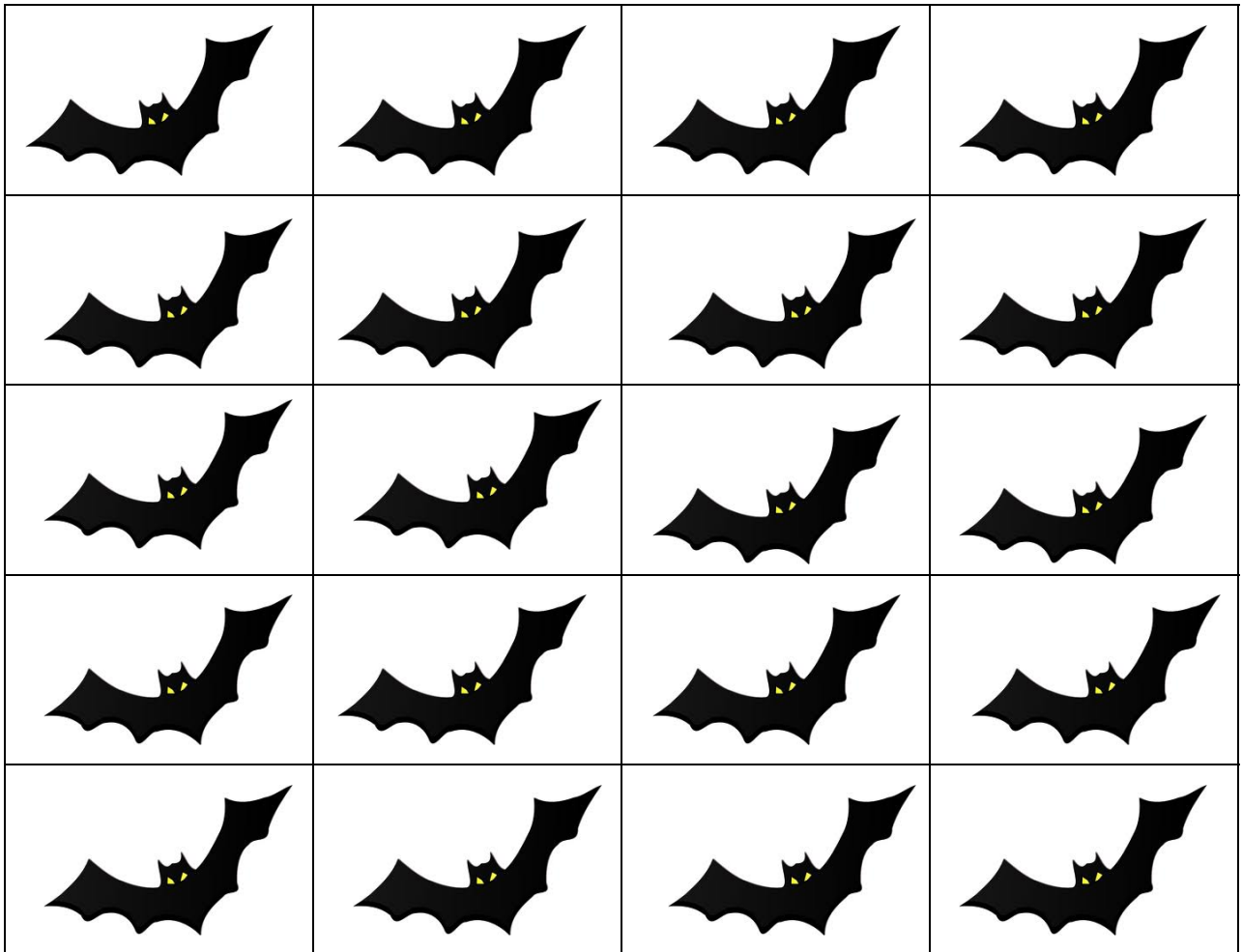
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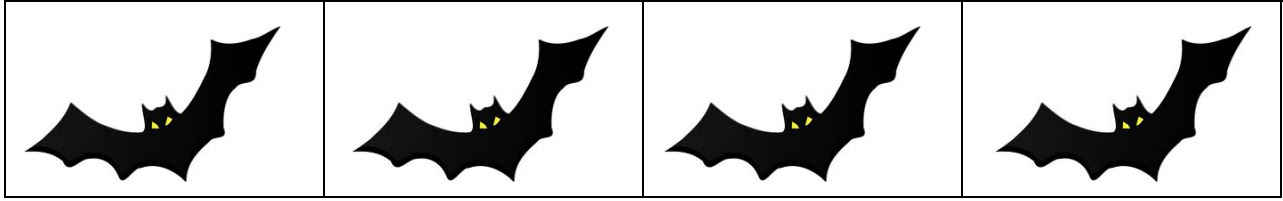
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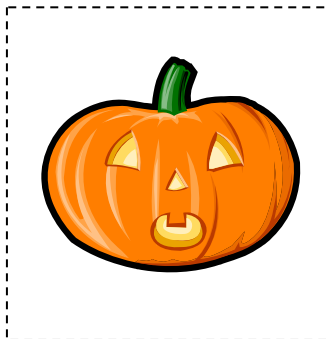
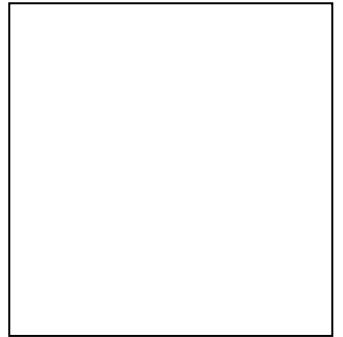
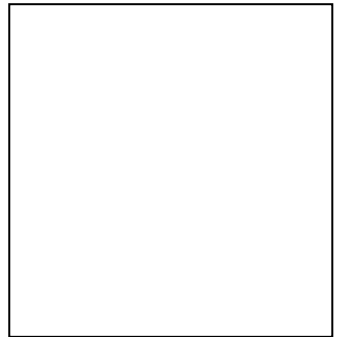
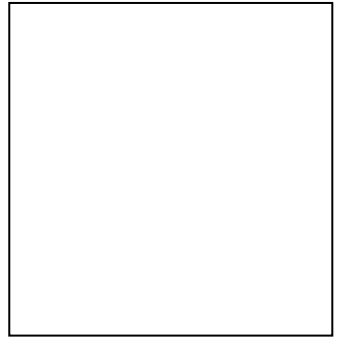




FINISH THE PATTERN

Directions:

Cut out the squares on the bottom of the sheet and tape or glue on to finish the correct pattern.



SHAPE MATCHING GAME

Materials:

Bat Shapes Templates

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

File Folder (optional) or piece of cardboard

Glue

Directions:

Print out both templates.

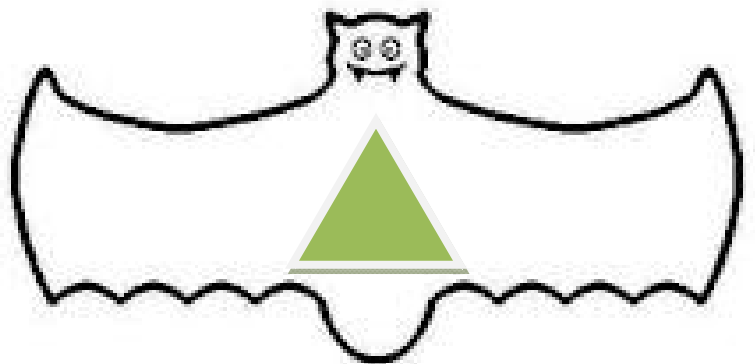
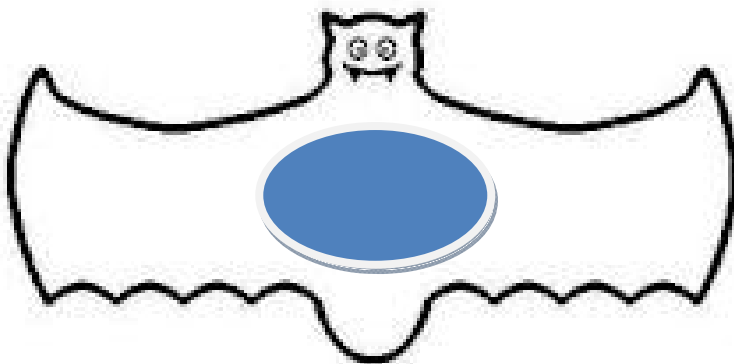
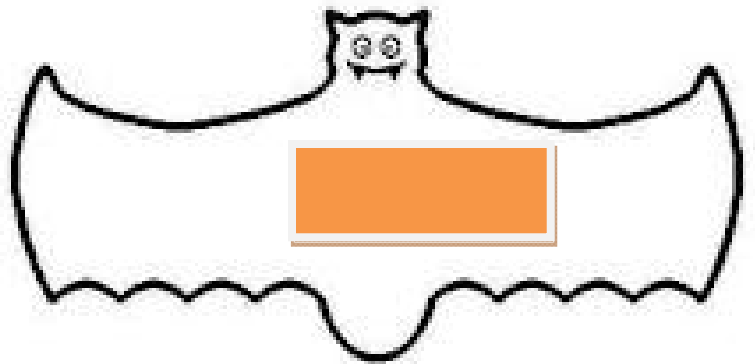
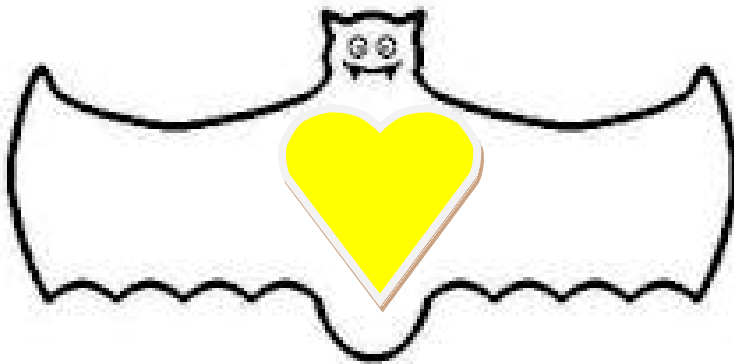
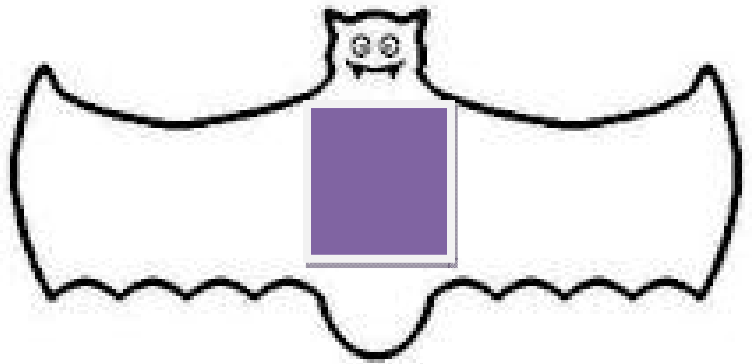
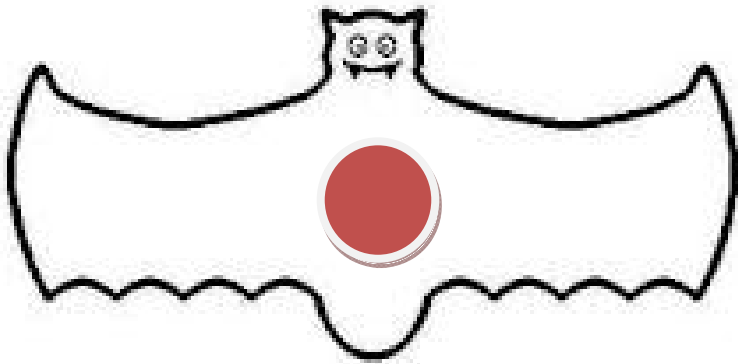
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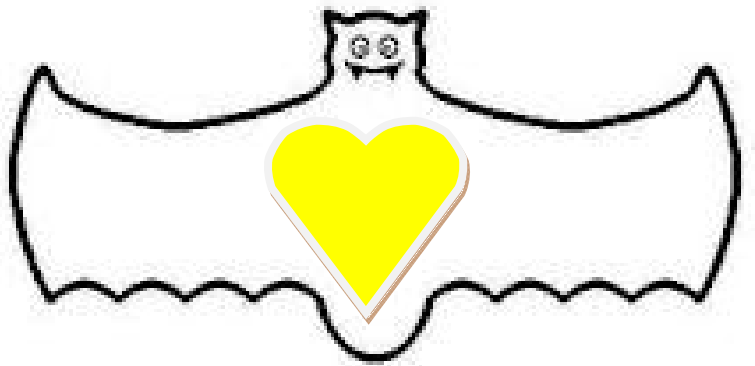
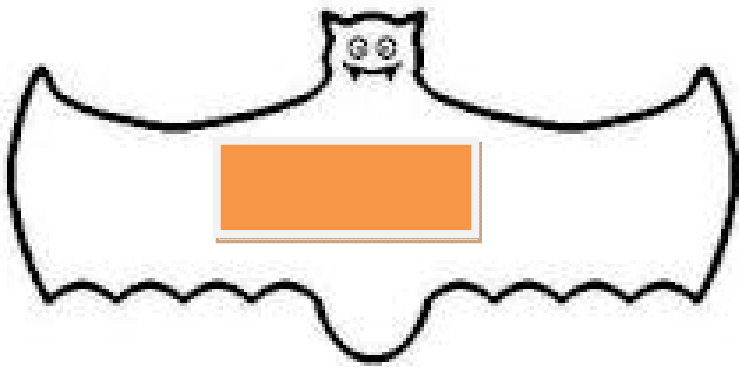
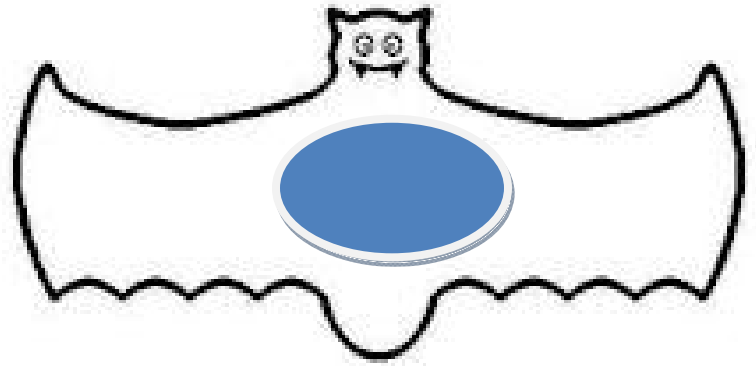
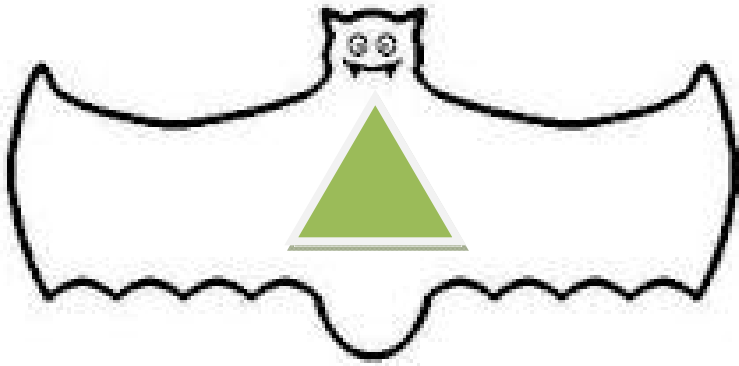
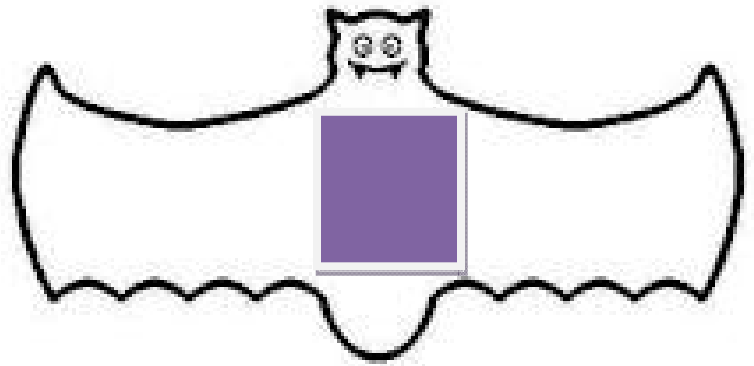
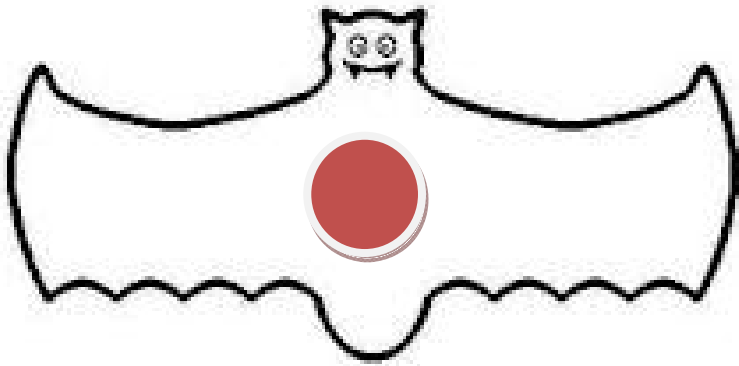
The second template should be cut apart into individual bats (no need to cut every detail, around the bat is just fine!)

The game is to place each bat on top of the matching bat in the file folder. You can talk about the different shapes and the different colors.

Again this is game is meant to be fun! It may be easy for some three year-olds, and difficult for others. If it is challenging for your child, it is okay to play one or two pieces and then come back to it later in the week or in a month or two.

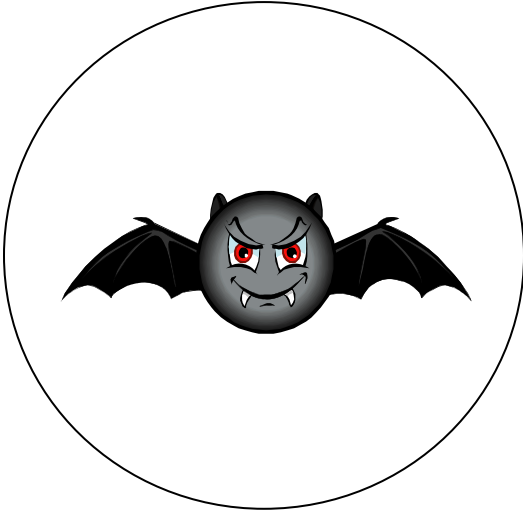
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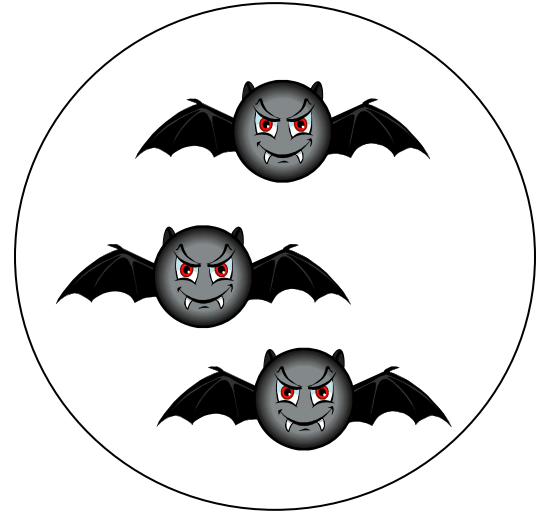


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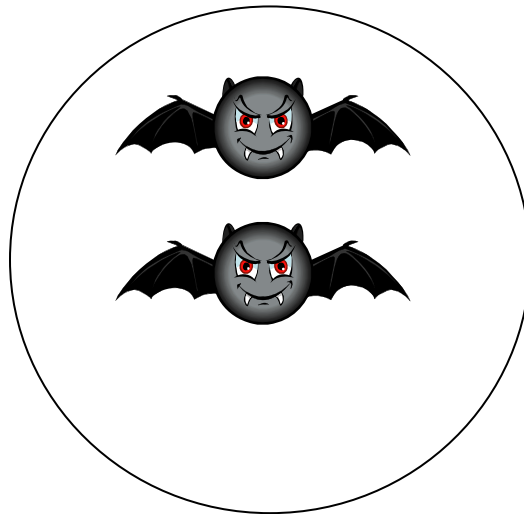
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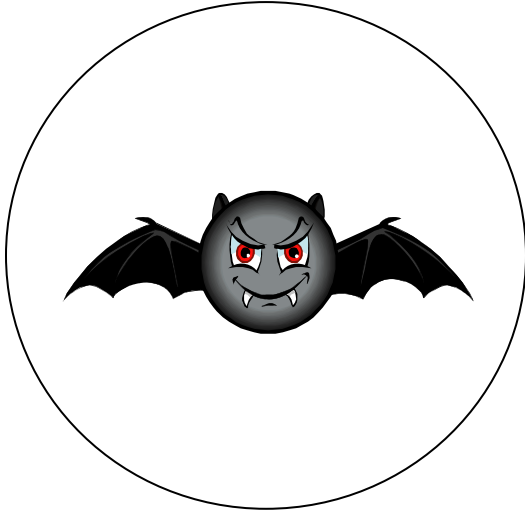
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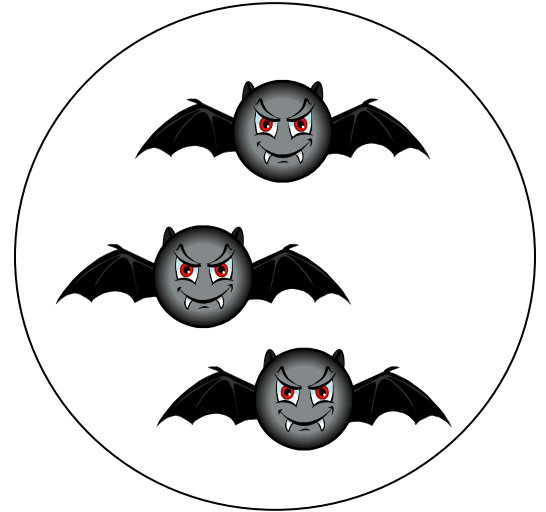


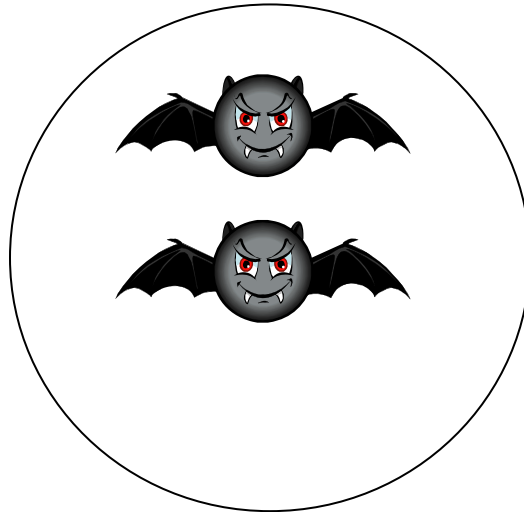
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COUNT THE BATS!

Directions: Count the bats and write or trace the numbers







NIGHT SCENE

Materials:

Night Scene Print Out

Dark Blue Construction Paper

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Glue or Glue Stick

Directions:

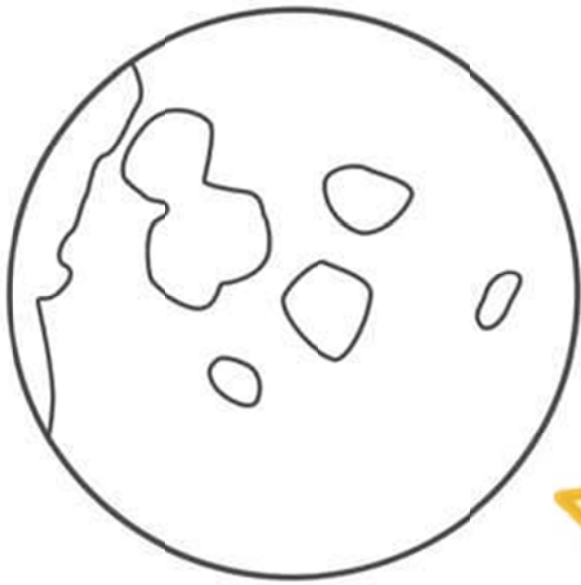
Print out the night scene template below.

Cut out (or if you child is able, have your child cut out) the different pieces.

Let your child glue all the pieces to the construction paper any way he or she likes, to make a night scene.

Talk about the word “Nocturnal” and how it means that bats like to sleep during the day and are active at night.

Cut out the “Nocturnal” word strip and display it next to your child’s finished masterpiece!



NOCTURNAL

INSECT HUNT

Materials:

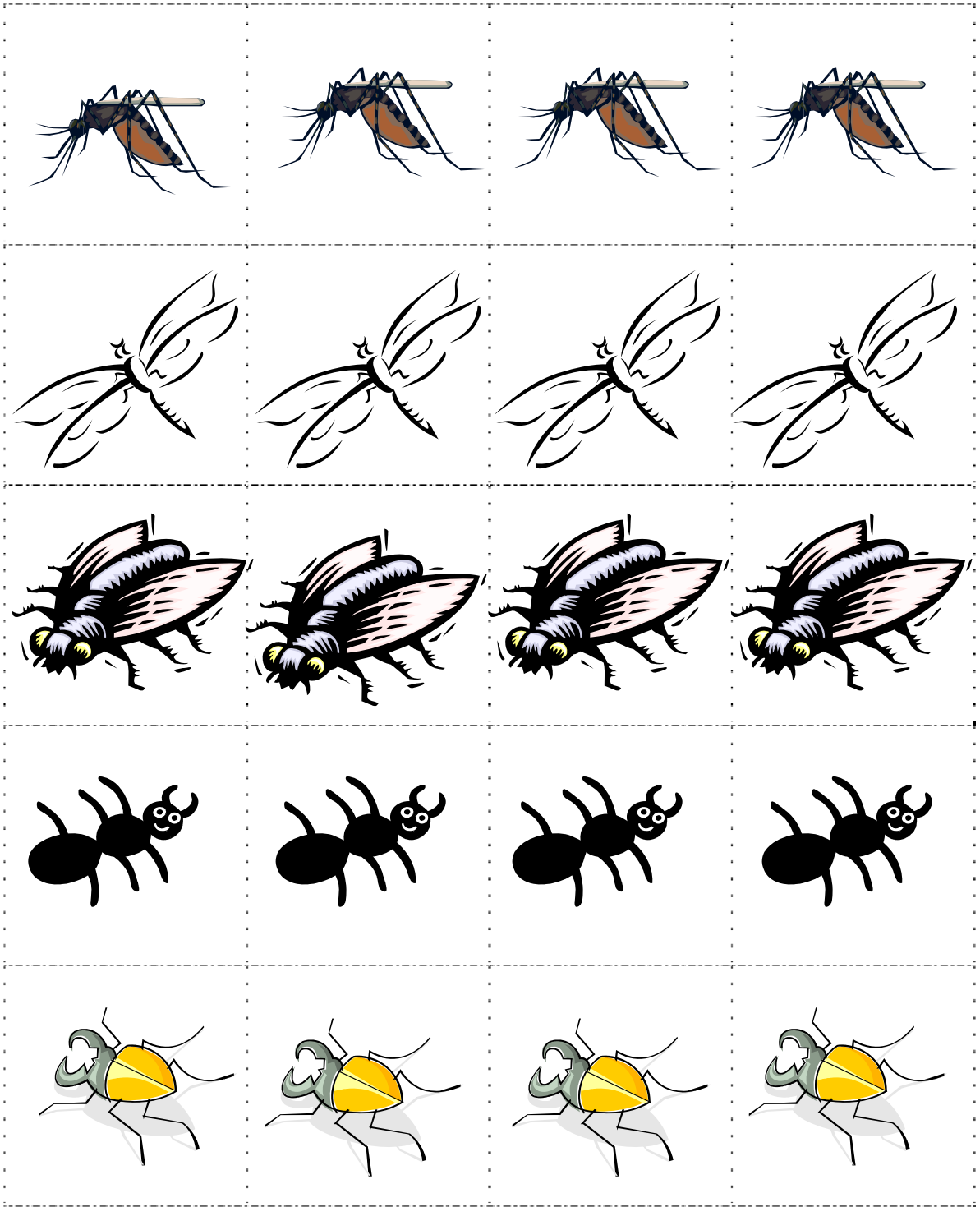
Insect Templates (optional)

Directions:

Print out the insect templates and cut out. (You can also do this activity outside and look for real bugs.)

Talk about bats and how most bats eat insects.

Take turns with your child hiding the insects and going on an insect hunt.



ECHOLOLOCATION

Materials:

Bat Ears Template

“Echolocation” Word Strip

2 Pieces of Black Construction Paper

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Glue or Tape

Directions:

Print out the bat ears template.

Cut out (or if you child is able, have your child cut out) bat ears from one piece of the black construction paper.

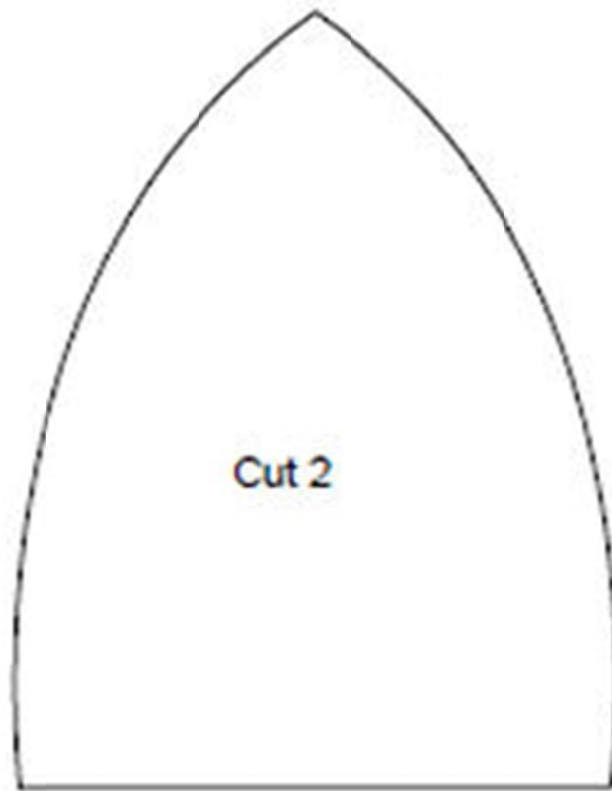
Fold the other piece of black construction paper in half to make two long strips. Attach the strips together with glue or tape. Measure to your child’s head and glue or tape the ends to make a hat that fits snugly around their head.

Attach the bat ears on either side of the hat.

Talk about the word “Echolocation ;” and how it means that bats are able to use a special sound that humans can’t hear. This sound bounces off things and lets bats “hear” where things are, even in the dark.

Put on the bat ears and go on a sound hunt! Close your eyes and see how many sounds you can hear. Try this outside and see if you can hear more or different sounds?

Bat Ear Template



http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/bat_costume.htm

ECHOLOLOCATION

BATS SLEEP UPSIDE DOWN

Materials:

Hanging Bat Template

Color Crayons or Markers

String or fishing line (optional)

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Tape

Directions:

Print out the hanging bat template (as many as you would like.)

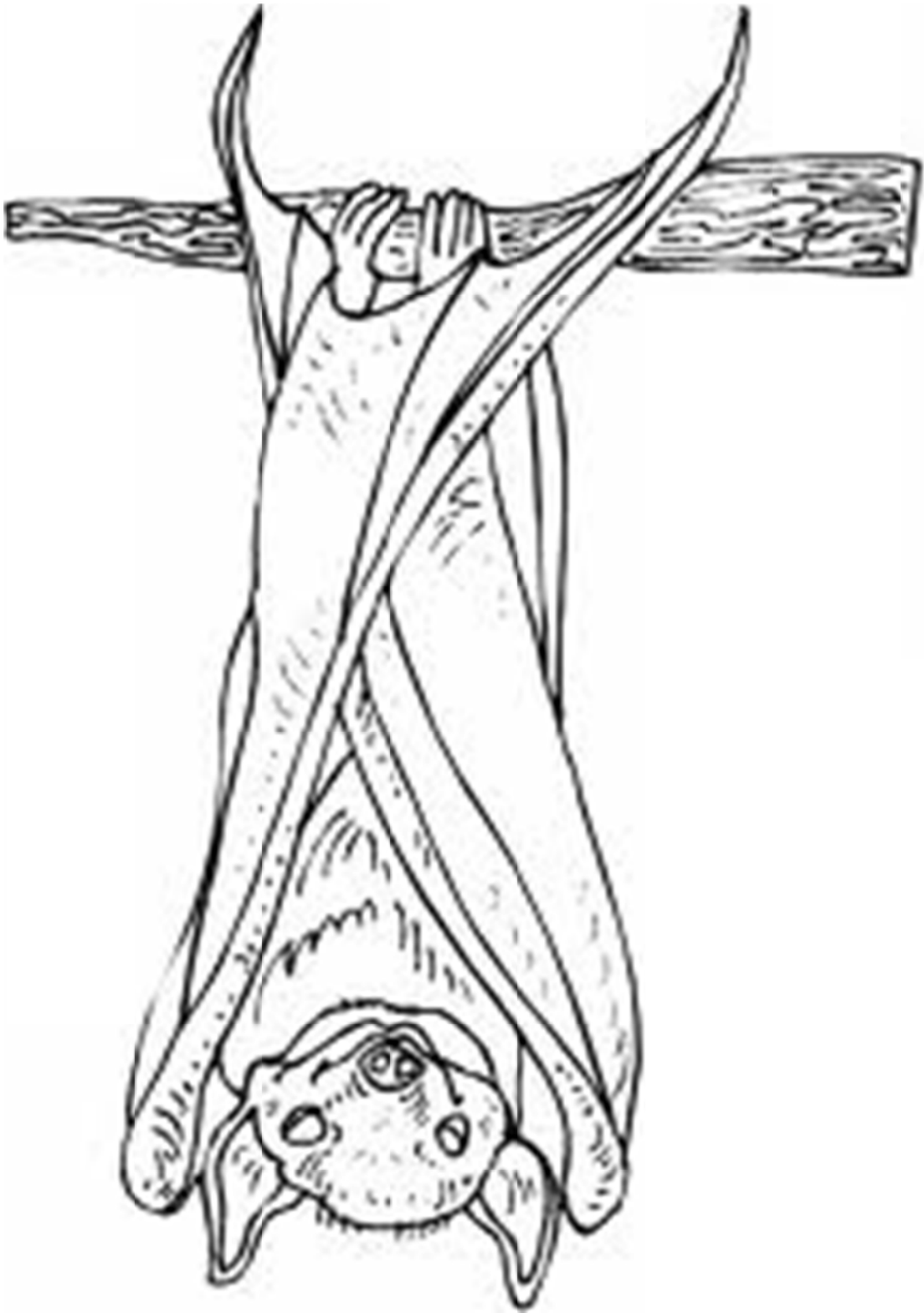
Color in the bat(s) using color crayons or markers.

Cut out (or if you child is able, have your child cut out) the hanging bats.

Talk about how bats like to sleep hanging upside down!

Hang the bats from the ceiling using the string or fishing line. Alternately, you can tape them to the top of a wall, so that they look like they are hanging upside down from the ceiling.

<http://www.coloring-pictures.net/drawings/chiroptera/a-bat-sleep-the-upside-down.php>



BATS CAN FLY

Materials:

Bat Template

Color Crayons or Markers

Craft Stick (large popsicle stick)

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Tape

Directions:

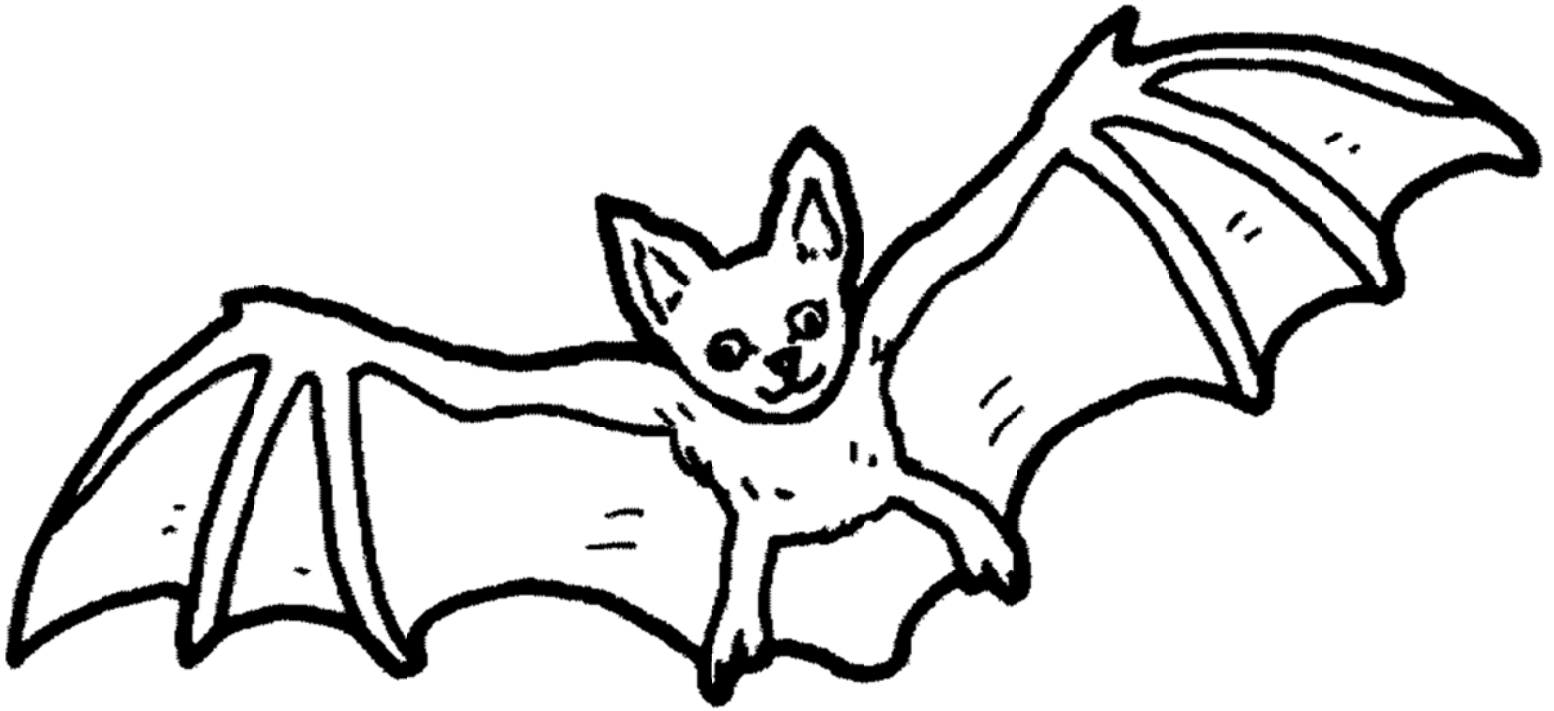
Print out the bat template.

Color in the bat using color crayons or markers.

Cut out (or if you child is able, have your child cut out) the bat.

Talk about how bats are the only mammals that can truly fly!

Attach the craft stick to the center of the back of the bat with tape. Be sure to leave the wings free so that when you move the stick the wings can "fly". Fly with your bat across the room!



BAT RHYMING GAME

Materials:

Word Templates

Container Label

Small Container

Tape

Directions:

Print out the word templates and container label

Cut out and place into the small container

Cut out the container label and tape to the container

Talk about the word "bat" and what kinds of sounds it has in it.

Pull a card from the container, if it rhymes with "bat" put it in one pile; if it does not, put it in a separate pile.

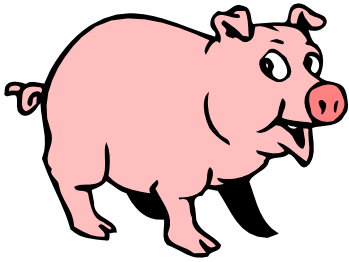
See how many words in the container rhyme with "bat"



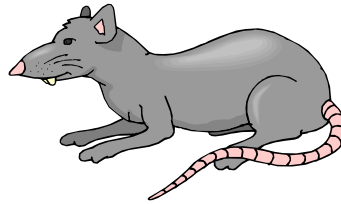
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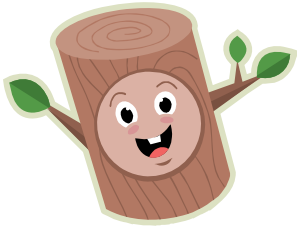
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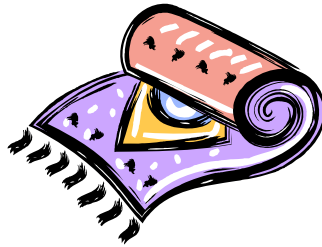
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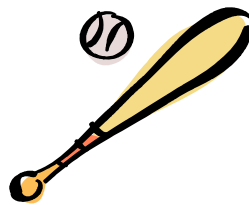
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Container Label:

Bat



STORY TIME

Materials:

Story Template

Pen or Pencil

Directions:

Print out the story template

Have your child dictate a story about a bat to you, while you write it down. It's okay if your story doesn't quite have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Sometimes your child may need a little prompting: "What happened next? How does it end? And of course, your story may not stick to its original topic at all! Don't worry about catching every word, or getting it down fast enough. Let your child go!

This activity is just to have fun telling stories and having a grown up write them down.

Once the story is done, your child can add an illustration.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

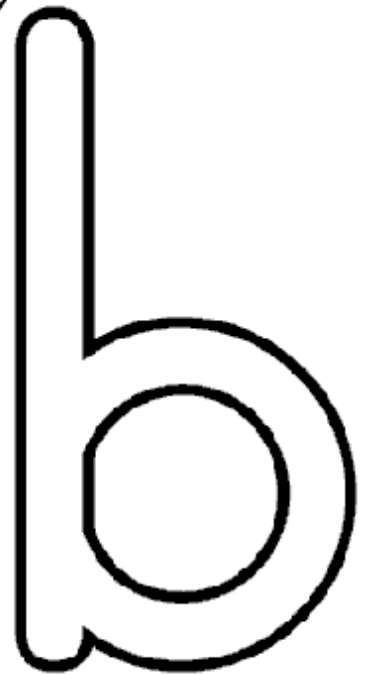
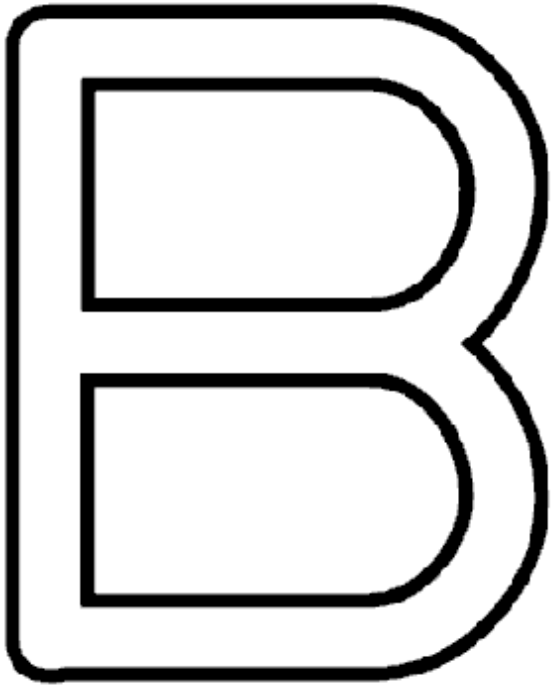


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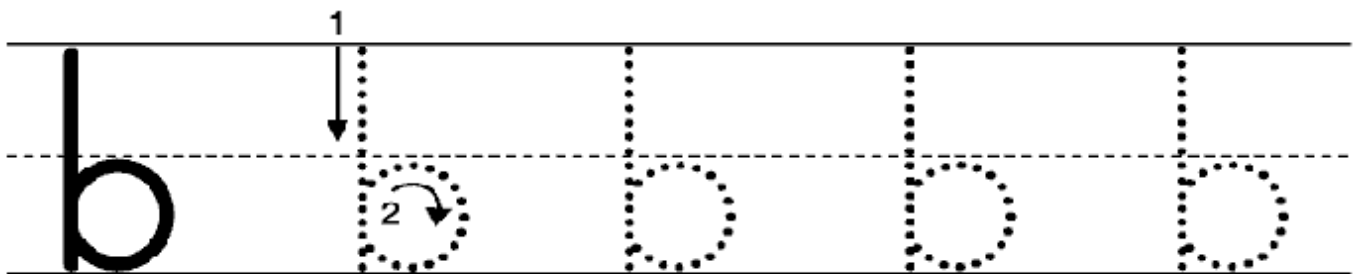
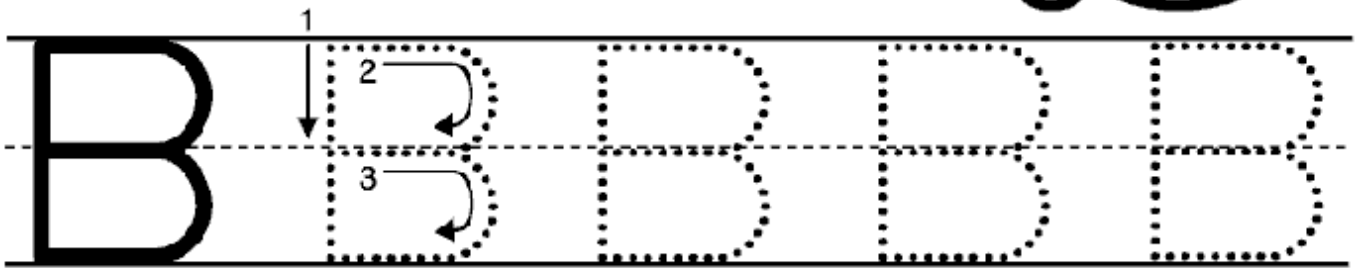


MY DRAWING:

Name _____ Date _____



bat



MEMORY CARD GAME

Materials:

Memory Game Template

Card stock or Construction Paper

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Directions:

Print out the memory game template. It is best to print it on cardstock. If you do not have card stock, you can print it out and then glue it to construction paper (so you can't see through the cards). If you would like the game to last a bit longer, you can cover it with clear contact paper.

Cut the cards out.

Mix them up, and then place them face down.

Take turns with your child turning over two cards each.

If the pictures on the cards match, that player gets to keep the cards. If they do not match, you turn both cards over, and the next person takes a turn.

Play until you have found all the matches!



FRUIT

Ingredients:

Fresh Fruits

Directions:

Explain that some bats eat fruit!

Serve a variety of fresh cut fruit. Try to introduce one or two that your child hasn't tried in a while!

CINNAMON SUGAR BATS

Equipment:

Bat Shaped Cookie Cutter (optional)

Ingredients:

Flour Tortillas

½ tsp. Cinnamon

¼ C. Sugar

Melted Butter

Directions:

Use cookie cutter to cut bat shapes from flour tortillas.

Dip both sides in melted butter.

Sprinkle with Cinnamon & Sugar.

Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes.

Serve & enjoy!

ANTS ON A LOG

Ingredients:

Celery

Peanut Butter or Cream Cheese

Raisins or other dried fruit

Directions:

Explain that some bats eat insects!

Take the washed celery and spread either peanut butter or cream cheese down the center to make the "log."

Place raisins or other dried fruit on top of the peanut butter or cream cheese in order to make the "ants."

Enjoy eating bugs like a bat!

BAT SHAPED CHEESE ON CRACKERS

Equipment:

Bat Shaped Cookie Cutter (optional)

Ingredients:

Cheese

Crackers

Directions:

Slice cheese into 1/4" slices.

Take the bat cookie cutter and cut out bat shapes from the cheese (if you do not have a bat cookie cutter, you can just cut the bat shapes with a knife.)

Serve with crackers.

BAT SUGAR COOKIES

From: allrecipes.com

Use the recipe below with a bat shaped cookie cutter. Decorate with your choice of sprinkles!

The Best Rolled Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ Cups Butter, softened
- 2 Cups White Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 5 Cups All-Purpose Flour
- 2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 tsp. Salt

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Roll out dough on floured surface ¼ to ½ inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.