

Resource Guide for Librarians







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Dear Librarians,

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood highlights the importance of being a kind and caring neighbor and we know that you also nurture these concepts in your own communities. GPB is pleased to partner with PNC Grow Up Great for special Be My Neighbor Day initiative this year at participating public libraries throughout Georgia. We are happy to share with you some ideas and activities that you can implement at your library to reinforce age appropriate social-emotional strategies and life skills for your young learners.

For more Be My Neighbor Day resources, please visit gpb.org/neighbor. GPB offers a wide variety of free digital media and content for educators and students on our website in both Spanish and English including video lessons, K-5 "Getting Ready" guides, activity calendars, and more. Visit gpb.org/education to learn more.

Using This Toolkit

The sampling of resources in this toolkit including videos, lesson plans, games and articles are drawn from PBS LearningMedia content and are aligned to state and national standards. The full Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood PBS Learning Media collection is available at https://gpb.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/daniel-tigers-neighborhood/

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Pumpkin Carving How-To's

Before you get started: Remember, pumpkin carving can be difficult and dangerous, and is something that should be done by adults. Small children should not handle sharp or pointed tools and children should always be supervised when they're around these tools. Small children can be enlisted to help select a pumpkin and a stencil, help in set up and cleaning, evaluate your progress, and potentially collecting pumpkin seeds for roasting!

Stencil Key: Many of the PBS KIDS stencils use a two-layer approach. This means that that some areas are to be cut out entirely, while others can be scraped so that the outer, orange skin of the pumpkin is removed, exposing the lighter flesh underneath and allowing some light to glow through from the inside.

Black lines/areas = cut out
Grey lines/areas = remove outer, orange layer

White lines/areas = do not cut

Directions:

Part 1: Prepare your area and pumpkin

- 1. Pick a comfortable area with space to carve. Kitchen or picnic tables work well.
- 2. Cover your carving area in newspaper.
- 3. Carve a hole in the bottom of your pumpkin. This will be used both for your light and to remove the pumpkin seeds and center.
 - The hole in the bottom will ensure your light has a flat surface on which to sit.
 - We suggest an LED light. It will reduce the chance of fire and emits very little heat.
- 4. Remove the pumpkin's interior using a large spoon.
 - You may want to reserve the seeds for roasting. If you're looking for a recipe, you can find one at PBS Parents Kitchen Explorers (go to www.pbsparents.org/kitchenexplorers and search: pumpkin seeds).
 - You may want to try to scrape the area on the side where you'll be carving a bit more so that the pumpkin wall is thinner. This will make it easier to cut out the design.
 - HOWEVER, don't scrape away too much. You'll need the wall to be at least a half-inch thick to allow you to both cut and scrape the outside of the pumpkin.

Part 2: Carving your design from the stencil

- 1. Tape your stencil on to pumpkin.
- 2. Use your toothpicks or the tip of a knife to poke holes through the black areas of the stencil to transfer pattern. Make sure to poke plenty of holes around the edges of the darkened areas so that you can see where you want to cut.
- 3. Using the saw from your carving kit, or a knife, carve out the black areas.
- 4. Using the scraper from your pumpkin carving kit or a knife, scrape the grey areas.
 - If you don't have a scraper, you may want to use a knife to cut out the outline of the area to be "scraped" and then "peel" away the area you've cut to reveal the lighter flesh underneath.

Tools: You may have your own favorite tools, but here's a quick list of items you may need:

- Tape
- Pumpkin carving kit or your own knives
- Toothpicks
- Newspaper
- Pumpkin







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Easy Costume Ideas From "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood"

Oct 5, 2022 30 min activity

This Halloween dress up as members of the Tiger family using these no-sew costume ideas! Invite your family to find clothing they already have that match the colors their favorite characters wear in the show. Then work together as a family to find accessories the characters use in the show either by gathering similar items you already have or making them out of recyclable materials. Snap a photo and share your costume creations with family and friends. Then, share your cool costume looks on social media and tag @PBSKIDS on Twitter and Instagram.

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Materials

- Clothes from your closet
- 1 or 2 accessories that you own or make

Daniel Tiger Costume



- 1 Wear a red, hooded zip-up sweater, jacket or sweatshirt, brown or tan pants, and red shoes.
- 2 Make Daniel's ears with a headband, yarn, and felt or print out a Daniel Tiger mask.
- 3 Make Daniel's watch with cardboard.
- 4 Bonus: Carry a stuffed animal that looks like Tigey (or dress up one to look like Tigey!)
- 5 Have more time? Make this No-Sew Daniel Tiger Costume.

Mom Tiger Costume



- 1 Wear a white shirt with pink flowers, blue pants or jeans, and purple shoes.
- 2 Make Mom Tiger's ears with a headband, yarn, and felt.
- 3 Mom Tiger loves sunflowers! Make a sunflower out of cardboard or use a real one to carry with you to complete the costume.

Dad Tiger Costume



Wear a blue zip-up sweater, brown or tan pants, and blue shoes.



- Make Dad Tiger's ears with a headband, yarn, and felt.
- 3 To complete the look, wear a camera around your neck!

Baby Margaret Costume



- 1 Wear a yellow dress, white socks, and purple shoes.
- 2 Make Margaret's ears with a headband, yarn, and felt. Add a yellow flower to look just like Margaret!
- 3 Carry a stuffed animal like Pandy!



Grandpere Costume



- 1 Wear an orange shirt, navy blue jacket, navy blue hat, and brown shoes.
- 2 Make Grandpere's ears with a headband, yarn, and felt.
- 3 Wear glasses or sunglasses just like Grandpere!
- 4 Grandpere loves water! Carry a little boat to finish the costume.

Want more "Daniel Tiger Neighborhood's" activities? Make striped yogurt parfaits or make a silly folded picture to continue the fun!

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Give Thanks With a Gratitude Jar

By Chelsea Foy Sep 27, 2021 20 min activity

Creating a gratitude jar is a wonderful and easy way to help your child acknowledge the things that they are thankful for! This gratitude activity for kids helps them identify the things or people that they appreciate every day. Once they've identified those things, children can draw a simple picture or write a few words about their gratitude. Add drawings to the gratitude jar over time and your child will start to see a visual representation of all of the things they have to be thankful for. Practicing gratitude has been shown to lead to greater overall happiness and wellbeing in both children and adults!

If the jar gets full, it's time to take out some of those pictures and memories, just like 0 the Owl and his Uncle X do with their thank you jar! You and your child can enjoy sharing the memories to as you look back at all you have to be thankful for. This gratitude jar activity is a wonderful we help your child feel and express their gratitude all year round.

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Materials

- Jar or container
- Paper
- Crayons or pens
- Optional: stickers

Directions

Begin by talking with your child about the idea of gratitude. You can help them by starting with a simple question like, "What are you thankful for today?" You could also ask them to think about what makes them happy. It may also be helpful to share some of the things that make you feel thankful every day.



Next, find a container to hold all of your child's drawings. Keep in mind, a gratitude jar doesn't necessarily have to be a jar! You could use a box, a bowl, or even an envelope.





Once you have chosen a container, ask your child if they would like to decorate the gratitude jar. They could color on it, paint it, add stickers, or just leave it plain. If you've chosen a lid that can be cut, you could even cut an opening in the lid so that your child can slip their drawings in easily.



Now that you have a gratitude jar ready, help your child brainstorm more things for which they are thankful. These could be people, memories, special toys, or just about anything! As you talk, your child can draw a picture of each item on a piece of paper. Add your own gratitude drawings or notes as well, to demonstrate gratitude and feel the positive effects yourself.



If you like, you can help your child as they write a few words on each paper that describe the drawing. This is a wonderful way to practice handwriting and sounding out words. Younger children may need help, in which case you can write for them.



Once each paper is complete, have your child write their name on it and slip it into the gratitude jar. This helps keep track of papers from different family members or siblings, while providing a bit of additional writing practice!





Over time, if you continue this thankfulness activity with your child, they'll see that the gratitude jar will fill up! When it's full, help your child take out the memories and enjoy them together. You could also take two or three papers out of the jar at the end of each week during a family meal and have a conversation about each of them. Reviewing all of the good things that they added to the jar can help children continue to notice the things that they are thankful for every day.



Want more "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" activities? Check out the Make a Silly Folded Picture craft and the Practice SUPER Morning and Bedtime Routines activity to continue the fun!



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Make Daniel Tiger's Watch

Dec 9, 2019

Tick, tock, let's make a watch. Watches are a kind of clock that we can wear on our wrist.

Your child can make their very own Daniel Tiger watch to wear by itself or with the Daniel Tiger nosew costume.

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Materials

- Toilet paper roll
- Thin cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue gun
- Marker
- Yellow, white and brown paint
- Paintbrush

Directions

Trace two circles onto thin cardboard with a pencil. Make one circle slightly larger than the other. Cut out the two cardboard circles. Tip: For our watch, we traced the end of a toilet paper roll for the smaller circle. Then after we cut it out, we used the smaller circle as a template to make a slightly larger circle.





Cut a toilet paper roll open by cutting all the way (lengthwise) down the center. Then cut off a thin strip from the short side of the roll. This strip holds its curled shape and will be the band of the watch.



Now that you have all of the parts of the watch, you are ready to paint. Paint the smaller circle white and the larger circle yellow.







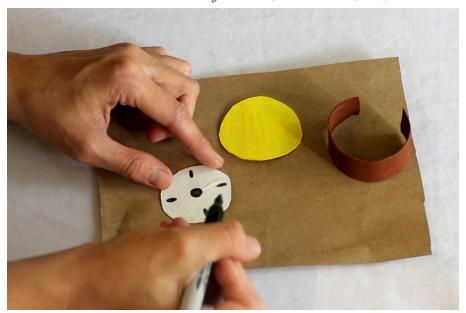


Paint the wristband brown, then set all parts aside to dry.





Once all the parts of the watch are dry, you are ready to draw the watch face. Tip: A permanent marker works best for this. Draw a circle in the center and four lines around the circle on the top, bottom and both sides.



After drawing the face of the watch, an adult can use the hot glue gun to glue all parts together. Glue the watch face on top of the yellow circle and then glue those two pieces onto the center of the watch band.



Grr-ific! You are now ready to wear your watch.





Explore Further

Talk about the different parts of the watch you made such as the watch band and the face of the watch. Then compare that to a real watch or clock you have in your house. How are they the same? How are they different?

Daniel Tiger's dad works at the clock factory. While some people make clocks or watches, other people use them to help with their jobs. How might a bus driver use a clock? How might a teacher use a clock? Can you think of other jobs where people need to keep track of time or use a clock as a regular part of their job?

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Heart Apple Chips

Jan 13, 2020 90 min activity

Healthy snacks are an important part of a balanced diet. Daniel Tiger and his friends like to eat healthy snacks and you can too! Go on a tour with Daniel Tiger's neighbor, Thomas, to learn about Making Apple Cider. Then think about all of the ways that you can use apples to make a healthy snack. You can slice them, dip them, bake them, mash them into applesauce and even make them into apple chips.

This fun and healthy apple recipe is perfect for Valentine's Day or any day. Enjoy them yourself or package them as a lovely gift for someone special.

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Ingredients

- Apples
- Knife (adults only)
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- Lemon juice (optional)
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet

Directions

Gather your supplies



Thinly slice apples (really thin, or you'll be cooking these for HOURS). Lay out your slices and put your kid to work with the heart-shaped cookie cutters. If there isn't too much core or seedy bits, the punched-out hearts can be baked too!





Dip all the slices in some freshly squeezed lemon juice to prevent browning (optional).



Bake the apple slices on some parchment for an hour and 10 minutes in a 250 °F oven. Some of the thicker slices might take a few minutes longer. Once they are lightly browned, pull them out of the oven and let cool. They'll crisp up in no time.





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Thankful Tree

Oct 3, 2019 45 min activity

Gratitude includes both the way we feel and express our thankfulness; it means we show our appreciation for others. In Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, Daniel Tiger and his friends love to celebrate Neighborhood Thank You Day. It's a special day when they can say thank you and show gratitude to all the people they love. They sing songs, write thank you notes, and have a Thank You Day party. At this year's party, Miss Elaina is thankful to her parents for teaching her how to play the cymbals and Daniel Tiger is thankful to Mr. McFeely for delivering the mail. All of the neighbors are thankful for each other.

After watching the Daniel Tiger videos, ask your child how Daniel Tiger and his friends showed their neighbors that they were grateful. Then ask your child to think of people or things that they are grateful for. Create a thankful tree for your own Thank You Day - or Thanksgiving - celebration

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Materials

- Pencil or crayons
- Safety scissors
- Glue gun
- 2-3 bare tree branches
- Tall vase or oatmeal canister

Directions

Using a pencil or crayons, draw 25 leaf shapes onto your colored paper. Oval or elliptical leaves will be the easiest to cut out, but you could make fancy oak and maple leaves too. You can also draw lines on some of your paper leaves to make them look realistic. You can make your leaves as simple or as fancy as you'd like.



Carefully cut around the drawn leaf shapes on the paper so that you have 25 paper leaves ready for your tree.





Talk with your child about what they're thankful for. Help them write down the different things they are grateful or thankful for on the leaves. Younger children can draw a picture of what they are thankful for on their leaf.



Add glue to the bottom edge of each leaf and attach the leaf to near the top of the tree branches. Do this for all 25 leaves. You may need to hold each leaf to the tree for a few seconds so that the glue can start to set.





Insert the tree branches with leaves into a vase or other tall container such as an oatmeal canister. You may want to add marbles, small rocks, or crumpled up newspaper to help the tree branches stay in place.



Once your tree is complete, display it on your Thanksgiving table so your guests can admire all the wonderful things your family is grateful for this holiday season.





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7 Ways to Share Your Neighborhood With a Friend

By Chelsea Foy Jun 15, 2022

Sign up for the "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" newsletter!

Every day is full of possibilities and so is your child! Get "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" inspired articles, activities, and recipes sent directly to your email. **Sign up here!**

When your child's friends and family members live far away, staying in touch can be a challe Instead of simply texting or calling, try some of these creative ideas to help your child share about their neighborhood with others.

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You can also expand the learning for everyone by asking your child's friends or family members to share interesting things about their own neighborhoods! Just like Daniel Tiger sends postcards to his faraway friend, your children can deepen friendships with others in fun tigertastic ways!.

These ideas can help your children feel connected to and learn about the places where others live! Take time to talk about each idea and together choose an idea — or two — to try.

Share photos or art.

When Daniel visits his friend Juan Carlos, they mark the occasion by taking photos! Help your child share what makes their neighborhood special by helping them take photos to send to friends. Go on a photo walk with your child and let them lead the way, taking photos of their favorite parts of the neighborhood. As an alternative to photos, you could also encourage your child to draw pictures of the neighborhood. They could even label each photo or drawing with a short sentence describing the view.

Create a neighborhood book.

Every neighborhood has a rich story! Juan Carlos' gift to Daniel of a photo book is a special place to hold photos of their trip. Help your child create a neighborhood book, filled with the details that they love about the neighborhood. Some ideas to include could be a neighborhood map, a description of some of the people in the neighborhood, familiar pets, descriptions of the plants that grow there, and so much more. To get inspired, check out this book idea and fill it with your child's most favorite neighborhood things!

Make neighborhood coupons.

Have friends or family coming to visit soon? Help your child think of their favorite things to do in their neighborhood (think favorite parks, a great frozen yogurt place, or a particularly pretty walk). Then, help them create a coupon book with a coupon for each of these experiences (you can use this coupon book idea as a guide!). Send the coupon book to your upcoming visitors to help share your neighborhood and get everyone excited for the visit.

4 Collect local nature.

What kind of plants grow in your neighborhood? Start this fun idea by talking with your child about the types of plants and nature that they see outside your home. Then, go on a nature walk to see what you can collect, just like Daniel Tiger collects shells to take to his friend! Help your child share

their findings with distant friends or family by sending photos (or over a video chat). You could even display your neighborhood nature by creating a nature-inspired picture frame to share.

Share a favorite recipe.

Do you have traditional recipes that are special to your neighborhood or the families who live in your community? Sharing new food ideas is a culturally rich and exciting way to learn about other places. When Daniel visits Juan Carlos, his friend shares foods like jícama and licuado de platano, which are new and exciting! Use a recipe card like this one to share a family or neighborhood recipe so that far-away friends can recreate it for themselves. Help your child include a note explaining things like why they love the recipe, when they eat it, or how they help prepare it.

Write in a local language.

Sending a letter or note in a local language is a truly special thing! Help your child write a note to friends who may live far away. If the language is foreign to your friends, be sure to include a translation. Looking for more ways to explore? Bring new languages and cultures to you with one of these books.

Make a craft project that represents your neighborhood.

There are so many wonderful ways to identify a neighborhood. Each neighborhood is a special mix of its own sights, sounds, smells, colors, languages, and people. Try making a craft project that represents your neighborhood to share with friends. When Daniel brings shells from his neighborhood to Juan Carlos, they use the shells to make a beautiful mosaic! Another fun idea? Create beaded bracelets that represent your neighborhood with colors, shapes, or letters – and then send to a friend! When you send it, be sure to help your child explain why they chose certain beads. Perhaps there are green beads to represent trees, or multicolored beads to represent homes. Creative projects like this one are a wonderful way to help your child gain a deeper understanding of their surroundings — and connect with others, too.

Communities are meant to be shared! By exploring your neighborhood with your child, you can celebrate what makes where you live (and who you live with) special — and then you can share your neighborhood with others, too.

Explore more fun ways to celebrate your neighborhood with "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood."

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KINDNESS LOOPS

Kindness Loops are interlocking paper loops that children can make to help them understand how to show kindness to others and to themself.

Your family can make **Kindness Loops** together, or a child can make them on their own and decorate with drawings.



MATERIALS

Here's what you'll need to make Kindness Loops:

- A template (see following page) or colorful construction paper
- Tape or glue



INSTRUCTIONS

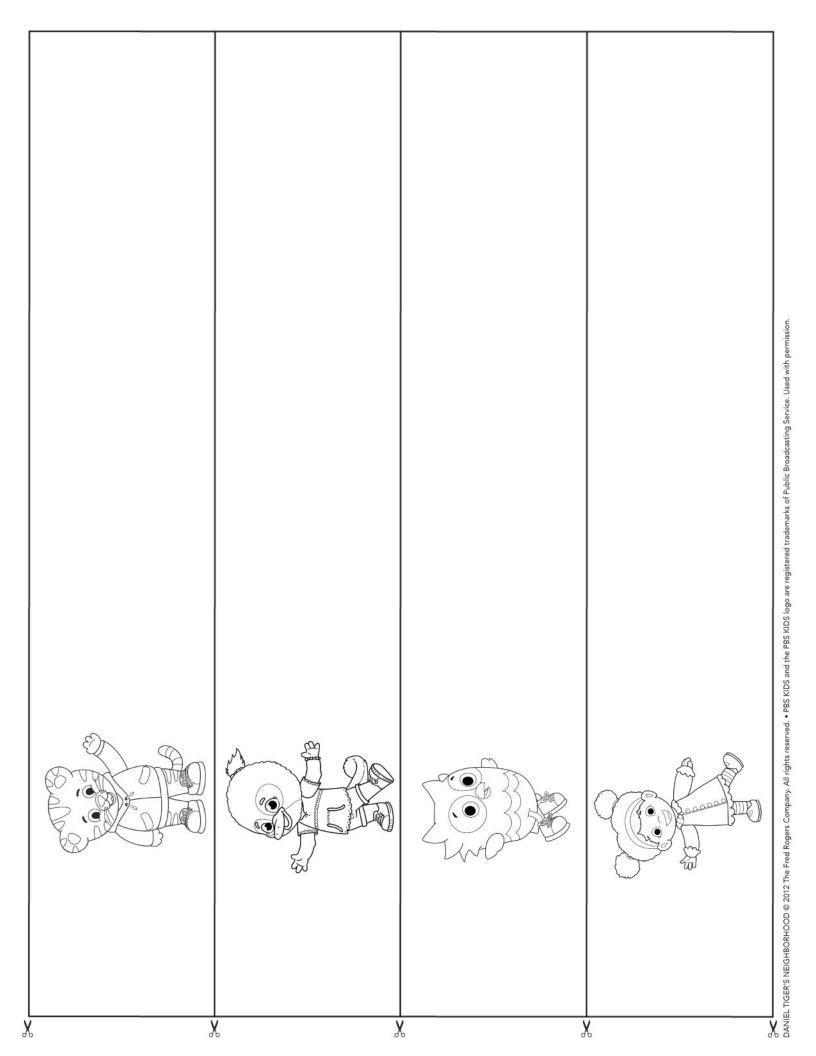
- Adults should cut the strips of paper for the loops.
- If you are doing this activity with your children, they could color or draw an act of kindness on each strip. They can also write their message. Offer help as needed.
- If you want to leave a surprise message, write or draw your message inside a loop.
- Tape or glue the two ends of the first strip together to make a circle.
- Put another strip through the circle you made, and tape or glue its two ends together.
- Continue looping and add loops as you like.



Talk as a family how you can show kindness to each other.



Find more games and activities at pbskidsforparents.org









Make Matching "Thinking of You" Bracelets

By Lexy Ward Aug 30, 2021 10 min activity

Miss Elaina wears her special locket and looks at it any time she misses her family. Make matching bracelets with your little one to help them feel reassured when you are apart — like going to a new school, a playdate, or another new place. Whenever you both look at the bracelets, you'll be reminded of each other and the bracelets can help your child find a little extra bravery when things feel challenging. This is a way to help your child learn to self-soothe and work on finding a way to feel better whenever they're upset.

Making matching "Thinking Of You" bracelets can be a fun and quick activity to do with your child. Using easy techniques like twisting and braiding, these bracelets come together in minutes. them regularly or on days where you know you'll be apart, and you'll be reminded of each oth whenever you look at them! Make it extra fun by letting your child choose the thread colors o

you use for your bracelets! Spend some time talking with your child about being brave during new experiences. Let them know that it's okay to miss your family, and encourage them to look at their bracelets whenever they're sad to help them be brave while you're apart!

Materials

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Scissors

- Embroidery thread, yarn, or rope
- Pencil
- Tape
- Assorted beads (optional)

Directions

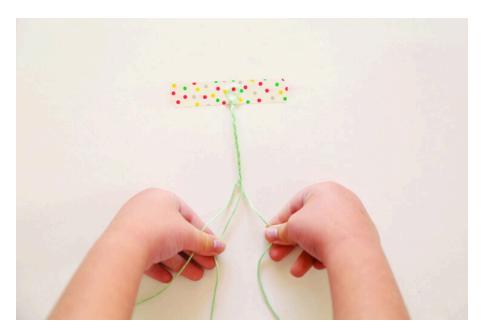
- Take the thread, yarn, or rope you will be using and trim it to three pieces each measuring 12-15" long. For simple braided bracelets, you will need three pieces per bracelet.
- Bring the three strands together and wrap one end around the pencil and tie a knot. Gently slip this end off of the pencil revealing the loop that was just made. This will be used to secure the ends after you've finished braiding. Trim the excess tail of thread.



Using a piece of tape, cover the looped end and press securely to a flat surface like your counter or dining table. Now it's time to start braiding!



This is a great time to teach your child how to braid or twist the strands. For a simple braid, the technique works best when moving the side strands over the middle strand in alternating fashion. Continue braiding until you are almost 1 or 2" from the end of the strands.



Take the tape off the strand. Measure it around the wearer's wrist and trim to size. Tie the loose end into a knot.





After you've trimmed the bracelet to size, wrap it around your wrist. Pull the finished end through the loop, and tie in a knot. Trim excess thread.



Add a little pizzazz with beads! Keep things simple by adding a bead to the same strand every time you braid. For example, add a bead to every new strand that is farthest on the right. Or let your child have fun with it and add beads however they like! Adding beads is completely optional and should be done with supervision for younger children.





Explore Further

Your child may experience separation anxiety if they are starting their first year of school, or perhaps they're a little emotional after a difficult dropoff. Remind your child how special your bracelets are and that every time you look at them, you'll be reminded of each other. They can look at their bracelet whenever they miss you and find comfort knowing that you'll be reunited very soon. These bracelets are a simple and fun accessory to encourage bravery when you're not around or when they're trying new things!

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Make Your Own Thank You Cards

Aug 27, 2018 15 min activity

With your help, have your child think about someone who has done something nice or helpful for them. Talk about how one of the ways that we can show we're thankful is by giving thank you cards.

Daniel Tiger and his friends like to say thank you when someone does something kind for them. They even have a special Thank You Day where they make and give thank you cards to someone special.

There are many ways to say thank you. We can tell someone thank you when we talk to them, we can write a note, we can draw a picture, or we can make a special thank you card. Ask your child to think about someone they would like to thank. It could be a friend, family member, neighbor, teacher, or someone in the community. Make a thank you card for that person and then deliver it to show your appreciation.

Materials

Paper or an index card
Pencils, markers, or crayons
Magazine pictures or stickers (optional)
Glue (optional)
Envelope

Directions

- Have your child choose a person to thank. Some ideas include:
 - A parent, grandparent, or sibling
 - · A neighbor or friend
 - A babysitter, child-care provider, or preschool teacher
 - A mail carrier, crossing guard, or librarian
- Fold the paper or index card in half to make a card.
- Ask your child what kind of thank-you message they would like to write in the card. A younger child might want to dictate the words to you. An older child may be able to write a message or sign their own name.
- Have your child decorate the front of the card with a drawing, magazine pictures, or stickers.
- Put the card in an envelope to mail or deliver it in person!

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Choosing Chores: Everyone Can Be a Helper

Aug 27, 2018 15 min activity

Children can be helpers too! Talk about ways that your child can help around the house and create a weekly chore chart for your family.

Children feel proud when they can be helpers. When they do things like help set the table or sort laundry or put their toys away, they feel more grown up. What a good feeling it can be for children to know that it's not only adults who are the "helpers," but that children can be helpers too. When children know their help is valuable, they feel valued, and they're likely to do helpful things for their family and others in the future.

Daniel Tiger helps his family by watering the plants and feeding the fish. What jobs can your child do to help at home? Talk together about helpful chore ideas and then create a helper chart with ideas for each member of your family.

Materials

	Large piece of paper or cardboard
	Tape
	Index cards or paper
П	Marker

Directions

- On a large piece of paper or cardboard, list the names of family members in your home.
- Hang the list of names in a place everyone can see it.
- On each index card (or small strip of paper), write a job everyone in the family can do. Even a preschooler can help with some household chores, like:
 - · Wipe the table
 - · Put out napkins or spoons for a meal
 - Water plants
 - · Pick up toys
 - · Help wash the car
 - Hold the dustpan
- Mix up the cards and place them face down. Take turns choosing cards and then assign each job to someone in the family for the week.
- Tape the chore cards next to the corresponding person on your list of names.
- Switch who does a specific job each week so that everyone gets a turn trying something new.



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Make a Coupon Book to Give As a Gift

Aug 27, 2018 20 min activity

Showing caring and kindness is something everyone can do. Even young children have things they can do that are helpful in the family. Encourage your child to perform acts of kindness by creating a coupon book to show they care. They can give each coupon to a family member or friend as a gift!

Daniel Tiger loves to spend time with his family. They laugh and share, play games, help each other, and go to fun places like the beach.

What things do you and your family like to do together? How do you help each other? How do you show that you care? Together with your child, talk about ways that you can help each other or show that you care. Then create a coupon book to share on special occasions or any day. Let your child know that the receiver can turn in a coupon to get a helpful gift, like a hug when they need one

Materials

- Paper or index cards
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils or pens
- Stapler or paperclip
- Pictures from magazines (optional)

Directions

- Cut pieces of paper in half or quarters to make blank coupons.
- Ask your child to come up with ideas for ways they can help a family member or friend. Here are some suggestions:
 - · Get a hug!
 - Help to set the table.
 - · Help sorting socks in the laundry.
 - Get a picture!



Ask your child to write or draw each idea on a coupon or your child can cut and paste pictures from magazines that show the idea for the coupon gift. You can also make coupons of your

own to give to your child, such as time alone with a parent or a fun experience.



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Staple or paperclip the coupons together. Then on special occasions like birthdays, holidays or just a regular day, your child can give one of the coupons as a gift to someone in the family to show they care.



How did the activity turn out? Let us know on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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Make a Trolley Path

Mar 29, 2021

Materials

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- ☐ Trolley Path Activity Directions and Template (PDF)

Directions

Draw and color or paint small dots on a paper plate. Or, print and use the PDF template children might prefer to make an orderly line of dots with limited colors — and that's gr too!



Use a pencil to draw the parallel lines of a path, which will be used to create train tracks. For added fun, try creating both curves and straight lines for the course!



Let children practice independently with kid-friendly scissors or assist in cutting the path. For children with sensory considerations, an adult may consider cutting the paper for the child.





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Encourage children to glue or tape the pieces independently or work together to create a path with bends, curves, and straights.



We hope you had fun together! Snap a photo of you and your child doing the activity and share it with us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. We'd love to see how it turned out!

Want more "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" activities? Check out the Make a Silly Folded Picture craft and the Practice SUPER Morning and Bedtime Routines activity to continue the fun!

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Did you know that fruits and vegetables begin as seeds and grow into plants? Draw a line from the fruit or vegetable to the matching plant. Talk with your family about your favorites. Which do you want to try next?

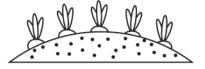




















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What Can You Discover With a Heart Frame?

By Fred Rogers Productions May 13, 2024 30 min activity

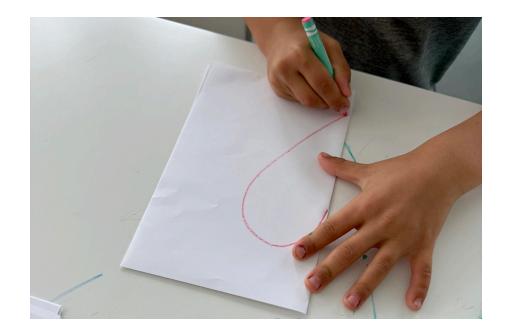
We often think about special surprises for holidays, birthdays and celebrations. But it can be fun to look for surprises all year long! In "Daniel's Surprising Day," the Tiger Family discovers that an ordinary day can be filled with all kinds of surprises. In this activity, look at things in a new way and see what unexpected things you can find. Because remember, "You can find surprises wherever you are!"

Materials

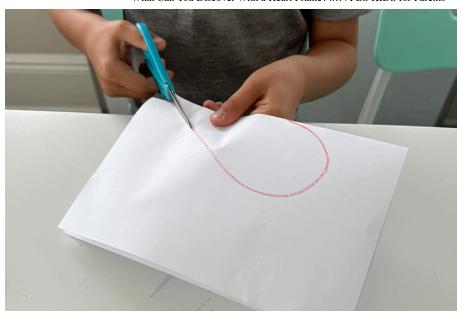
- Paper
- Marker or crayon
- Child-safe scissors

Directions

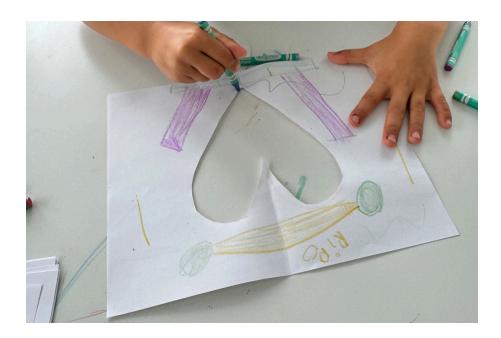
Fold the paper in half. Draw one half of a heart on one side of the paper.



Cut along the line using child safe scissors. Remove what you cut out. Open up the paper to reveal a heart-shaped hole.



Using crayons or markers, decorate your frame however you would like.



Hold up the paper and show your child how they can "frame" things in and around your home.

Ask them to point out something that's red, soft, sparkly, or yummy. Each time they find something, frame it for them in the heart. Ask your child, "What surprises do you see when you look at the world through a heart?"







Continue the fun and take your heart-shaped paper frame outside! Walk around your neighborhood and see what else you can find together. Take turns with your child giving suggestions for what to look at and holding the heart-shaped frame. See how you can surprise each other!



For a preschooler, so many things can feel surprising because they have never experienced it before. Something that may feel ordinary or simple to a grown-up, like mailing a letter or going to the grocery store, can be new and exciting for little ones. Remember the benefits and importance of surprises and try to build in surprises (both big and small) for your child in your everyday life. You might be amazed by what you learn and how much you can find when you start to intentionally look for it!

Fred Rogers Productions builds on Fred Rogers' legacy in innovative ways through a variety of media and engages new generations of children and families with his timeless wisdom. The company's highly rated children's series, including "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," "Peg + Cat," "Odd Squad," and "Through the Woods," have earned 30 Emmy Awards. Their latest series are "Donkey Hodie," the innovative puppet series inspired by characters from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and "Alma's Way," an animated series created by Sonia Manzano. Fred Rogers Productions strives to inspire a lifelong enthusiasm for learning through its series as well as efforts beyond broadcast including games and digital offerings, community engagement activities, and much more!

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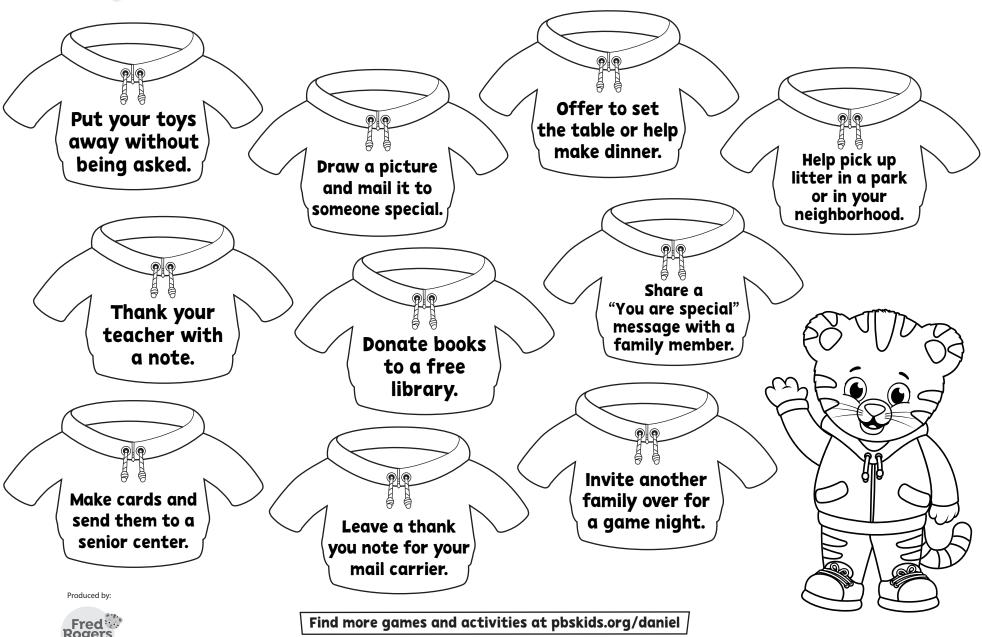
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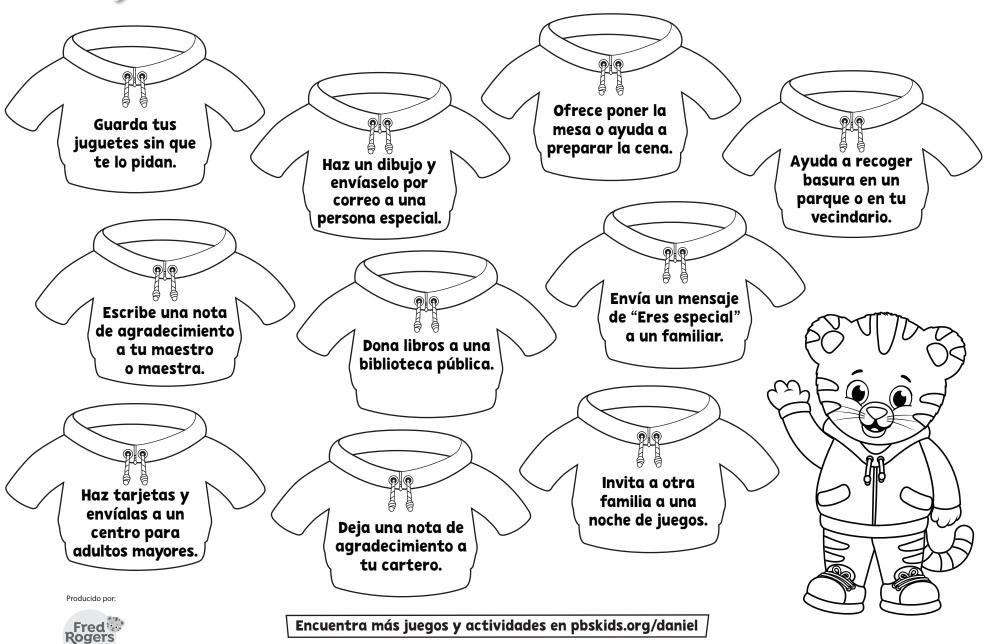
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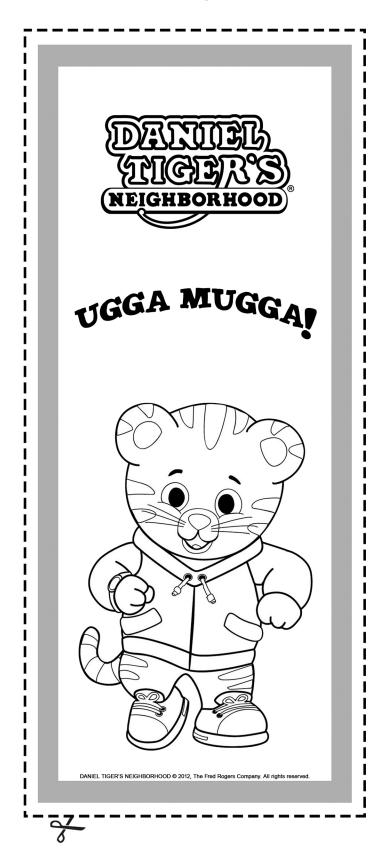
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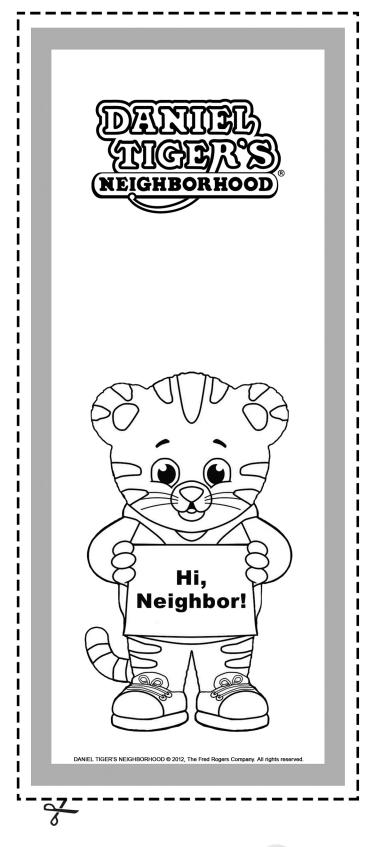
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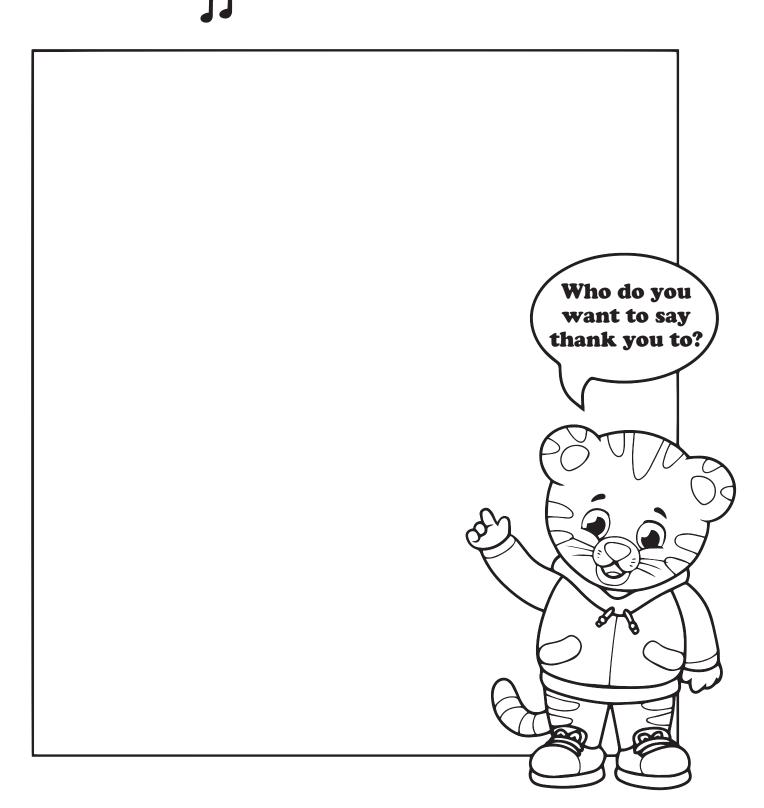


Thank You



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Thank You Notes

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Talk with your child about appreciation and giving thanks. Ask him questions, like "Are there things you are thankful for?" and "What people would you like to thank? Your mom or dad, sisters or brothers, neighbors or teachers?" Work with him to fill in these thank you cards for special people in his life and have

- 1. Print this sheet.
- 2. Cut along dotted lines.
- 3. Write your thank you messages in the spaces provided.
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Thank You





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