



King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

Adapted from the legend of King Arthur



Once upon a time, a long time ago, there was a boy named Arthur. Arthur's parents died when he was very young and he was raised by a wizard named Merlin. Even though he was raised by a wizard, Arthur had a normal childhood. Everyday he helped around the house and Merlin taught him lessons about the world. Most importantly, Merlin taught Arthur to be a good person, and to have a big heart.

One day, while Arthur was in the village marketplace, he saw a great crowd had formed. Arthur squeezed through the crowd to see the source of the commotion. In the center of the crowd was a large marble stone. At the top of the stone, there was a gleaming sword handle sticking

straight out. The sword was buried in the stone!

There were words written on the handle:

"Whoever pulls this sword from the stone is the true king of England!" Everyone was excited and wanted to try to pull out the sword! One after another, people tried, and failed. Even the bravest and strongest knights couldn't pull the sword out! When no one was looking, Arthur



stepped up and tried his luck. The sword easily slid from the stone! No one believed him! He had to put it back in the stone and show everyone again to get them to believe him! Arthur became the King of England!

King Arthur lived in a beautiful castle called Camelot. He married a maiden named Guinevere and she became the Queen. He invited the greatest and wisest knights in the land to come and help rule the kingdom. At first the knights argued about who would sit closest to the king at the table – they all wanted to sit next to him so their opinions would be heard the loudest. To solve the problem, King Arthur created a round table so that all of the knights would be heard equally. He wanted everyone's opinions to count and everyone to be heard. King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table worked together, kept peace in the kingdom, and lived happily ever after.

Word Search: Circle the words from the list in the puzzle.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

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CROWN
KNIGHTS
CAMELOT
SWORD
KING
WIZARD
ARTHUR
MERLIN
NOBLE
LEGEND
MAGIC
BRAVE

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GOODNOW LIBRARY SUMMER READING ACTIVITY KIT
Week 4: Knights of the Round Table
Build It: Create a Catapult

Step 1: Design and build a catapult using the following materials:

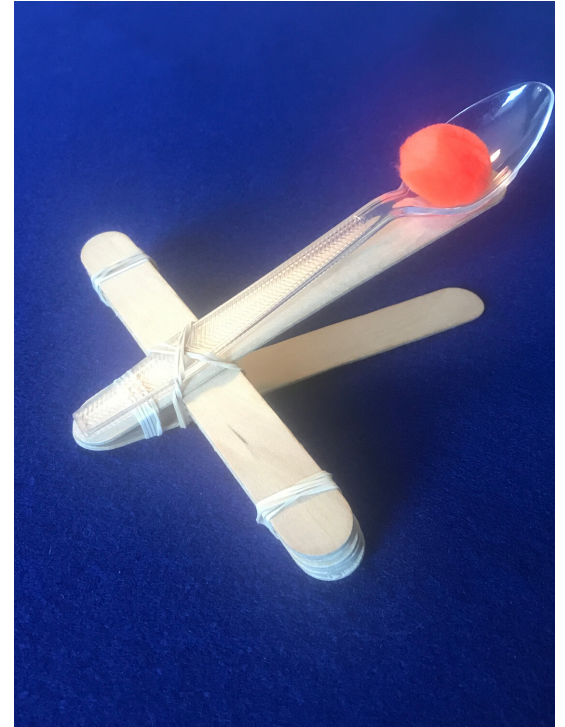
- 10 CRAFT STICKS
- 5 ELASTIC BANDS
- 1 PLASTIC SPOON

Step 2: Test your design using the enclosed pom-poms as ammunition!

- DID IT WORK? DID YOUR POM-POMS FLY LIKE YOU WANTED? TRY ADJUSTING YOUR DESIGN AND LAUNCHING YOUR POM-POMS AGAIN!
- HINT: IF YOUR POM POM FLIES UP MORE THAN OUT, ADJUST THE POSITION OR HEIGHT OF YOUR FULCRUM!

Step 3: Have fun with your catapult!

- MEASURE HOW FAR YOUR POM-POM FLIES!
- HAVE AN EMPTY BOX? PRETEND IT'S A CASTLE AND SEE IF YOU CAN LAUNCH YOUR POM-POM OVER THE CASTLE WALL!
- WHAT ELSE COULD YOU LAUNCH USING YOUR CATAPULT? MAYBE DRY CEREAL, MINI MARSHMALLOWS, PENCIL ERASERS OR ANYTHING SMALL THAT WILL FIT ON THE SPOON!



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Week 4: Knights of the Round Table
Craft It: Make a Royal Sock Puppet

Step 1: Use liquid glue (like Elmer's) to attach sequins to decorate the crown and cape.

Step 2: Cut the yarn and glue onto the top of the sock for hair

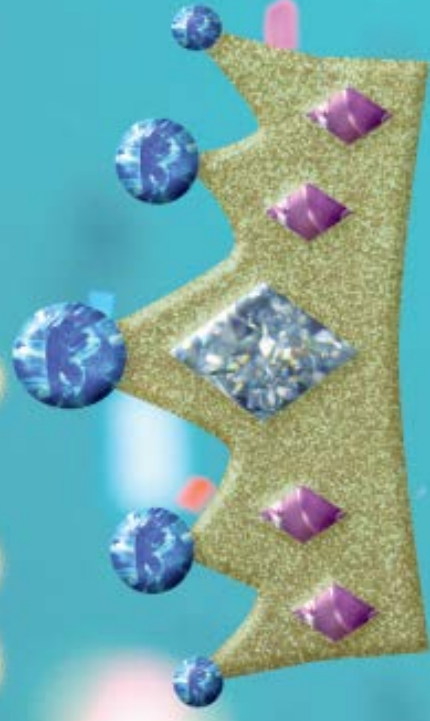
Step 3: Glue the crown on your puppet's head, wrapping it around its royal head to fit. Glue red gown onto the front of the sock. Wrap the blue cape around the back and glue it on the sock, attaching it in front. Add the collar. Glue on google eyes and draw on other facial features with a marker. Let puppet rest and allow the glue to dry

Step 4: Put your hand inside the sock to test that the glue is holding. If not, add more glue and let the puppet rest again.

Step 5: Put on a puppet show! Act out a scene from King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table or make up your own royal story! Feel free to include characters from previous weeks! If you share it online, please tag us at #goodnowplayhouse



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King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table Activity Kit

Material List:

Catapult:

Craft sticks (10)

Elastic bands (5)

Pom Poms for ammunition (2)

Sock Puppet:

Sock

Felt for gown (red), cape (blue), crown (yellow) & optional collar (white or other light color)

Yarn for hair (any color)

Sequins for decorating cape & crown

Googlie eyes (2)

Liquid glue (like Elmer's) or glue dots

Celebration Crowns:

Pipe cleaners (5)