



## SUMMER CRAFTS & SONGS



### Laying In My Sleeping Bag

(Tune: "Going on a Bear Hunt")

Chorus:

I was laying in my sleeping bag  
I couldn't go to sleep!  
I looked at my watch and I wanted to weep!  
I rolled to my left,  
I rolled to my right,  
but all I could hear were noises in the night!

(Make up your own noises as you go and motions to go with them--after each repeat the above

chorus)

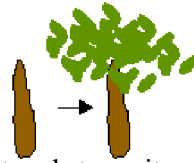
I heard an owl! (whoo...whoo)  
I heard a siren! (woooo...woooo)  
I heard a dog bark (woof...woof)  
etc.



### Sun Catchers

Cut the inside out of a paper plate for each child. Place clear contact paper with the covering removed over the hole. Have each child stick pieces of bright tissue paper all over the contact paper. When the child is done place another piece of contact paper over the tissue paper. Hang the sun catchers from your ceiling or windows.

### Fingerprint Summer Tree



Stamp the side of your hand in brown paint and stamp it on the paper as the trunk.

Stamp your index finger in green paint and stamp it many times on the paper for the leaves (re-dipping in the paint as necessary).



### Watermelon tambourines

Have the children color a small paper plate to look like a watermelon slice. (Green rind, red fruit, and black seeds), you can glue real seeds on if you like. Fold the plate in half. Put beans inside the plate and staple together.



### Beach Song

(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)

I'm going to the beach  
I'm going to the beach  
I think I'll see a seashell there,  
I'm going to the beach!

You can continue by filling in other things to see.



### Bubbles All Around Me

(Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean")

The bubbles flew over the flowers.  
The bubbles flew over the trees.  
The bubbles flew over the grass.  
So many bubbles, I see.

Bubbles, bubbles  
As pretty as bubbles can be.  
Bubbles, bubbles  
Popping all around me.



### Kool-Aid Painting

Sprinkle unsweetened Kool-Aid on a piece of paper. Let the children move a piece of ice over the Kool-Aid. Watch as the Kool-Aid turns to liquid and makes a yummy smelling picture.

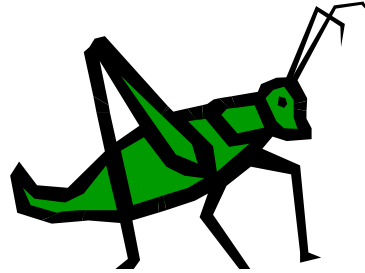


You will need a sheet of green construction paper for each child, some glue, scissors, camping catalogues or magazines.

Let the children glue camping pictures from the catalogues or magazines onto their green construction paper. Older children may be able to use scissors to cut out their pictures.

### Grasshopper Game

Lay 4 or 5 hula hoops in a row on the floor. Let the children take turns jumping into the hoops. Try having the children do this activity in single file, jumping into each hoop as they go down the row.



### “Beehive” Game

Have the children stand in a circle. The adult stands in the center of the circle. With your arm indicate a direction you would like the children to move in. The children move in that direction as fast as they can. Change directions several times before you shout “beehive”. When you shout “beehive” the children must group together as if they were a beehive. Continue on with the game and shout “beehive” again. Continue playing until the children tire of the game.

### Sand Castle – tune: The Hokey Pokey

You put some sand in.  
You take some sand out.  
You put some sand in  
And you shape it all about.  
You make a sand castle  
With towers all around.  
That’s what it is all about!

You put some shells in  
You take some shells out.  
You put some shells in  
And you place them all about.  
You make a sand castle  
With shells all around.  
That’s what it is all about!

### Sunflowers

Give each child a paper plate and have them paint it yellow. After the paint dries glue yellow crepe paper around the edges and then glue some sunflower seeds in the center. You can attach a green stem from green construction paper.

