Fun Kit for Kids Ages 0-2

Flat Melvin

Flat Melvin is our Summer Reading mascot! He’s a giraffe. If you didn’t get him from the July Craft Packet, you can still get him online or at the library. He’s been looking for fun things to do this summer! All you do is cut him out, have adventures with him, take photos, and report back on what you all get up to. If you already have your Flat Melvin, keep it up!

Can you also color the new picture of him we have provided in this kit? Once you do, you can tape it to your window facing in or out as a “cling” to bring you and others’ joy and to show off that you finished the Summer Reading Program!

If you want other Giraffe coloring sheets, you can get more online as well! We like coloring sheets from Supercoloring.com and Momjunction.com.

Nursery Rhyme Fun

Sing a song and replace some of the words with your kid’s name. Or write a song for your child. Think of characteristics they have or some of your favorite things about them. Can you find words that rhyme with those words? It can have a tune you make up, a nursery rhyme tune, a simple 4 count beat, or it can just be spoken out loud rather than sung.

Here’s an example:

“[First Name, Middle Name, and/or Last Name] Babe
I think you’re cooler than a Cave
You are stronger than a bear
I love your swirly, curly hair
You are smarter than a fox
I like your sweet and silly socks
[First Name Middle Name Last Name] Babe
I think you’re cooler than a Cave
And you’re so beautiful and brave.”
Rubber Ducky Fun

Count the Duckies: Start at 1-5 and then backwards 5-1.

Five Little Ducks
Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only three little ducks came back.

Three little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only two little ducks came back.

Two little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But only one little duck came back.

One little duck went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."
But none of the five little ducks came back.

Sad mother duck went out one day
Over the hills and far away
The sad mother duck said
"Quack, quack, quack."
And all of the five little ducks came back.

Playtime with Rubber Ducky:
- In the bath!
- Outside in the pool!
- Sing, “Rubber Duckie” Sesame Street with Ernie on YouTube!
Owl Playtime

Matching Game:
Find each owl that are... **Blue, Pink, Brown & Green**.
Find each owl that has their **eyes open or closed**.
Find each owl that is **on branch or off branch**.

Like an Owl
Rhyming Song
(Tune: London Bridge)

Flap your wings and fly around,
  Fly around, fly around.
Flap your wings and fly around,
  Just like an **owl**!

Additional verses...
- Open your eyes big and wide
- Land on the ground and hop along
- Turn your head and say,
  “Hoot, hoot!”

Owl Photo Selfies:
Take a photo when...
- reading a book with your owl!
- playing under a tree with your owl!
- eating a snack with your owl!

Alphabet Poem: Letter O
by Edward Lear

O was once a little owl,
  Owly
Prowly
Howly
Owly
Browny fowly
Little Owl!

Wide-Eyed Owl
There's a wide-eyed owl
(circle your eyes with your hands)
With a pointed nose
(make a beak with your fingers)
Two pointed ears
(make ears with your fingers)
And claws for toes
(wiggle your “claws”)
He lives way up in the tree
(point way up)
And when he looks at you
(point to children)
He flaps his wings
(flap your wings)
And says, “Whoo! Whoo!”
At home, parents can extend baby **Bubble Time** by playing with bubbles in the bathtub and filling a baby pool with soapy water. Here’s how to make your own...

**No Tears Bubbles Recipe:**
1/4 cup no-tears baby shampoo  
3/4 cup water  
3 tablespoons light corn syrup

**Bubble Time helps your child’s development:**

- Watching bubbles rise, move, fall, and pop helps them practice tracking objects with their eyes.
- Watching bubble movement helps them learn about their environment; objects that are so lightweight float and act much differently than heavy objects, and bubbles pop! Watching bubbles helps them recognize patterns.
- Blowing bubbles as a family can help bonding between family members.
- Helps them to develop motor skills and eye-hand coordination.
- Bubbles excite a curiosity and investigation in their world with their senses (sight, sound, and touch).
- Bubbles help them to develop an awareness of shape, form, and texture.
- Bubble Time is a time to crawl, walk, run, and dance!

Music makes Bubble Time way more fun so check out YouTube for a variety of bubble songs or just turn on your favorite kids’ songs on your device at home or at your local park.