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You Are (Not) Small



Create a Creature Activity:

In this activity, your child will use his or her imagination to make creatures with unique colors, habitats, food, and a couple of unique fun facts.

Materials (per student):

Two sheets of white drawing paper
Scissors
Crayons, markers, and colored pencils

Directions:

1. On the first sheet of paper, help your child write out the information about each creature: what color it is, where it lives, what it eats, and a couple fun facts about it.
2. On the second sheet of paper, your child will draw the creature and its habitat using the information he or she came up with. Help your child be creative and specific.
3. Optional extension: your child will write a short description of each creature on the back of the picture drawn.

Kids' Activity Guide

Two fuzzy creatures can't agree on who is small and who is big, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all!

You Are (Not) Small is a wonderful introduction to size and perspective. Anna Kang examines how a person's point of view affects how they see the world. Simple text and vibrant drawings will engage your child in the story. Your child will relate to the problem in the book as it questions whether he or she is big or small.

The story starts with two fuzzy creatures in an argument about whether they are big or small respectively. One creature states that the other is small and in return is told that it is big. Friends of each creature soon join in, and the argument continues to grow. They are joined by creatures of different sizes, and they finally come up with a resolution.

Big and Small Hands and Feet T-Shirt Craft Activity:

In this craft, you and your child will explore big and small by creating a T-shirt using handprints and footprints. This is a great craft that also makes a wonderful gift.

Materials:

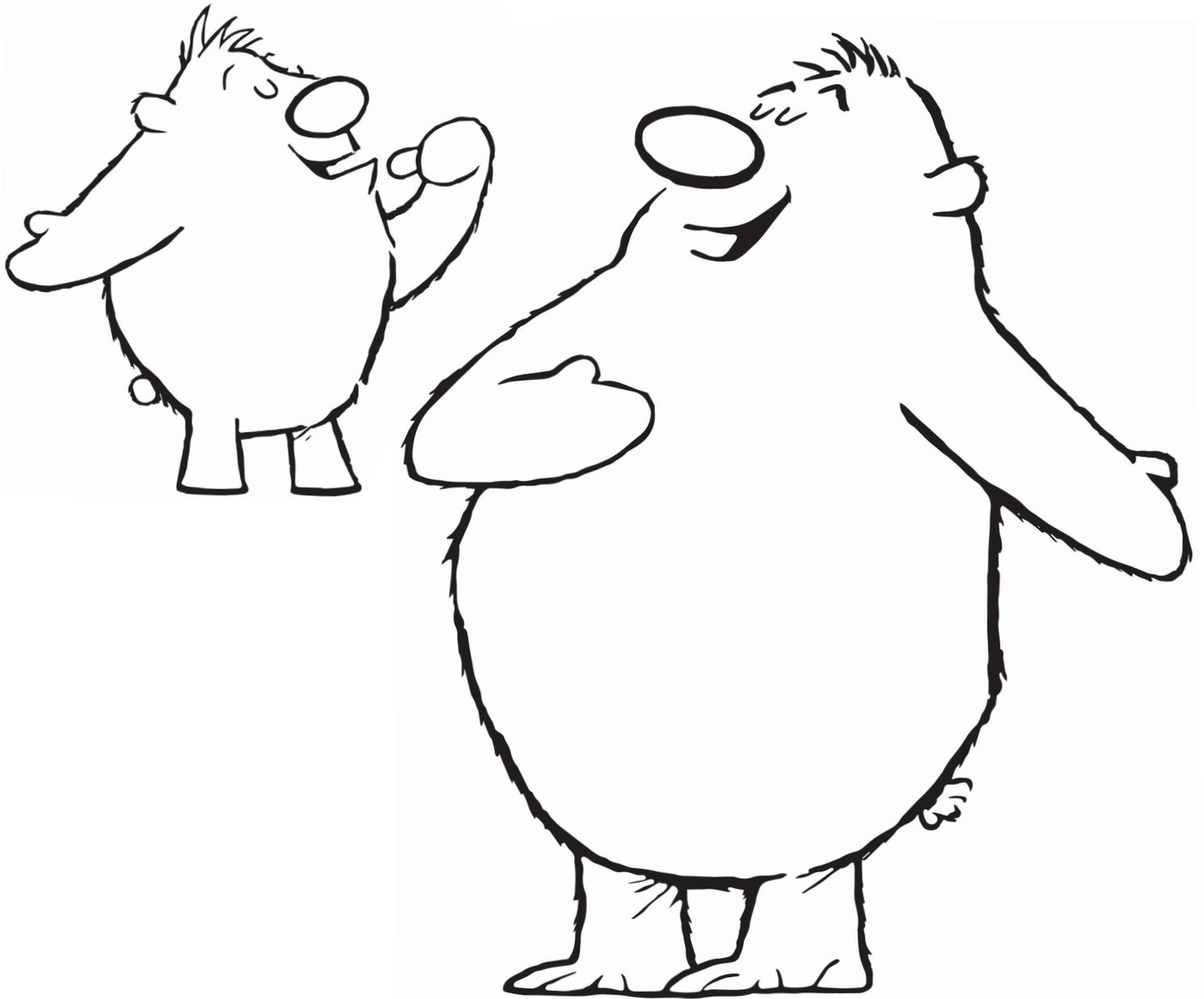
White T-shirts (however many you want to make)
Fabric paint (assorted colors)
Old newspapers or paint drop cloth
Paper plates
Piece of cardboard
Container of warm soapy water (for hands and feet)
Towels

Procedures:

1. Place the cardboard inside the T-shirt so the paint will not leak through.
2. Place old newspapers or drop cloth on flat level ground and set the T-shirt on it.
3. Squeeze one color of fabric paint onto each paper plate until a thin layer covers each one.
4. Have each family member step in a different color of paint and carefully step onto the shirt. For hands, simply press each hand into the paint, and then press it onto the shirt.
5. Everyone in your household can put prints of different sizes on the shirt, including pets.
6. Repeat with as many shirts as you want to make.
7. Let one side dry completely before flipping it and making prints on the other side.

Measurement Lesson:

Use the creatures below to measure things around your house. Your child will learn about measurement by determining the size of objects in terms of how many creatures' long or tall the object is. Use the attached creatures as templates. Have your child color one orange and one purple, cut them out, and then use them to measure. After measuring, your child will fill out the chart on page 3 with his or her findings.



You Are (Not) Small Printable Growth Chart:

Your child will enjoy seeing how they grow using the attached growth chart. It is a great way for them to explore how size is relative. Click on the link below and follow the directions. You will need a color printer and paper.

[Click Here for the Growth Chart](#)

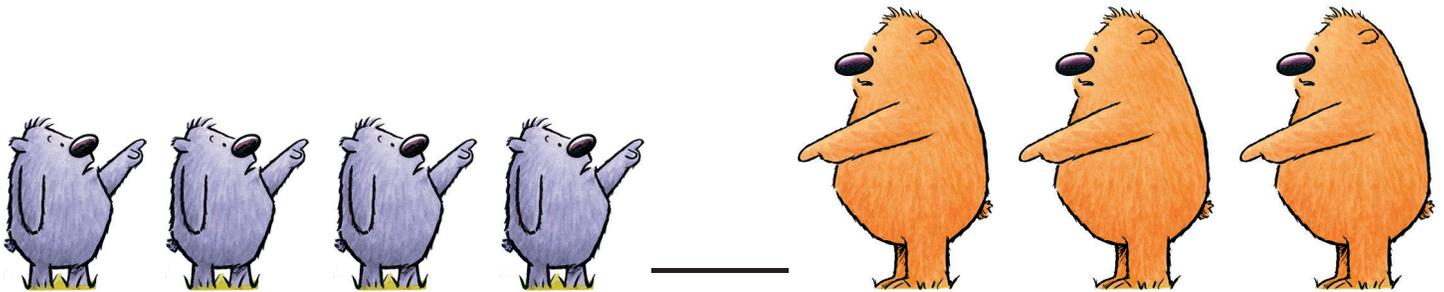
Measurement Activity Chart:

Object	How Many Orange Creatures?	How Many Purple Creatures?
Chair		
Book		
Shoe		
Favorite Toy		
Window		
Pet or Sibling		
You Pick an Object		
Yourself		

Greater Than, Less Than, or Equal To Activity:

In this math lesson, your child will look at two groups of creatures or numbers, and determine if one group is bigger, smaller, or equal to the other. Your child will practice using the greater than, less than, and equal to symbols using both creatures and numbers. **Ex: 3 creatures > 2 creatures** $10 < 20$

Symbols: **Greater Than** > **Less Than** < **Equal To** =



$$10 \text{ ______ } 7$$

$$23 \text{ ______ } 45$$

$$100 \text{ ______ } 200$$

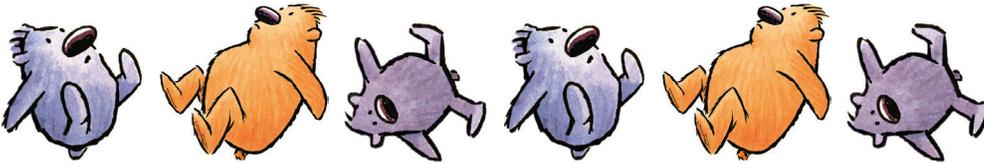
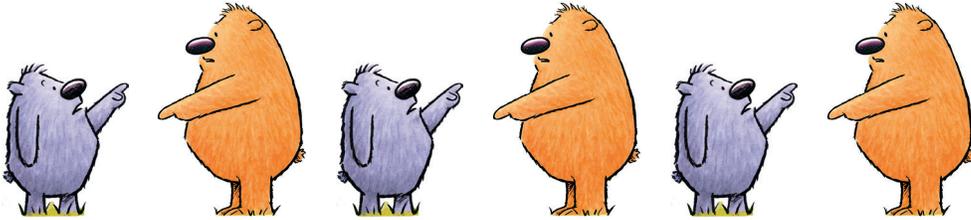
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$$5+3 \text{ ______ } 10-1$$

$$25-5 \text{ ______ } 10+5$$

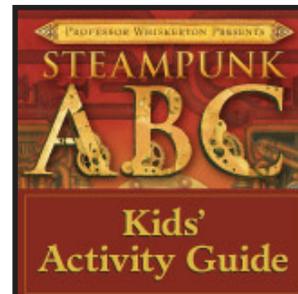
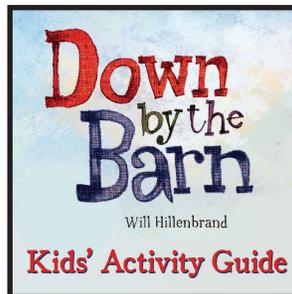
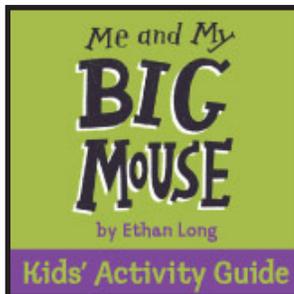
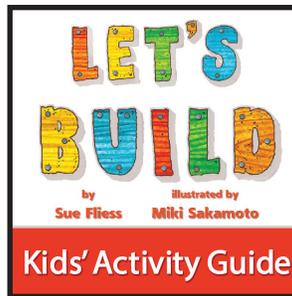
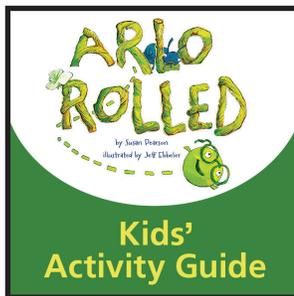
Patterns Activity:

In this critical thinking/math activity, your child will look at patterns and how they are created. Your child will learn how to predict the next item in a pattern and extend the pattern by drawing and coloring the next creatures in the sequence.



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