Joey Crafts with Dads

Dads are easy to entertain at Joeys. Just remember that most dads love eating and making things. Combine both these activities and you'll keep the big and little kids happy.

Marshmallow Igloo

Materials:

- styrofoam tray (or white paper plate),
- styrofoam or paper cup,
- mini marshmallows or mix large and mini type,
- white butter icing/frosting
- scissors

Igloo

Instructions:

- Cut the top half to one inch off the top of the cup.
  (A grown up may want to do this in preparation for the activity)

- Turn the cup upside down and fix it to the styrofoam tray with icing.

- Using the icing, fix marshmallows around the base of the cup

- Fix more rows of marshmallows around the cup until it is covered

- Stack a few marshmallows to the side of the cup to make the door to the igloo.

Most of our Joeys used regular marshmallows for the igloo and minis for the door. The strip cut from the cup can be used to form tunnel for doorway.

Marshmallow Fellows

Equipment: Packets of marshmallows (regular and mini); toothpicks; paper plates.

Joeys and Dads are given sufficient materials to construct creatures, buildings, bridges, vehicles, etc. Each pair's creation/s can be displayed on paper plate/s for "show and tell" – no eating until shown.

Food Allergy info: check labels when buying marshmallows. Most contain *gluten, dairy and gelatine*; no name brands are best for avoiding *traces of nuts.*

Wild raspberries can be used to avoid certain allergens, they are more challenging, not being as soft as mallows, but still work.

Rally Cars

Equipment: Recycled boxes of all types and sizes, paper plates, lids, plastic food tubs etc, split pins, staplers, masking tape, jumbo textas

Organise Joeys and Dads into groups to construct a car. When finished hold a race either outside or draw a figure 8 track on the floor with chalk.

Joey Gifts for Dad

Nuts and Bolts Caddy

Materials Needed:

- Coffee can (or any large can with lid)
- Magazines, catalogues, junk mail, google images
- Markers or alphabet stickers
- Non-toxic clear-drying glue such as decoupage medium or diluted glue or PVA
- Scissors

Instructions:

Wash and thoroughly dry and air each can. Collect pictures of tools, or anything dads would like, and cut or tear out. Glue the pictures all over the can. Cover the entire can. Use a marker or stickers to write a special message on your caddy, such as 'Daddy's Caddy'.

Once you have the can looking exactly how you want it, you can seal the design to protect it. To do this, simply paint over the surface of the can using a non –toxic, clear-drying glue. Use either decoupage medium or diluted glue or PVA (clear drying) glue. Let the decoupage dry completely and then your can is done!

Ladybug Rocks

What you need

- Smooth, round or oval rocks, washed and dried
- Acrylic craft paint in colors of your choice
- Black acrylic craft paint
- 2 wiggle eyes for each ladybug
- Black Sharpie marker
- Acrylic matte sealer spray
- White craft glue

How to make it

1. Completely wash and dry all rocks.

2. Paint rocks in desired colors, allow to dry. Apply second and third coats if needed. Lighter colors will require more coats than darker shades.

3. Paint head on using black acrylic craft paint. There is no pattern needed, simply paint about 1/4 of the rock black in the "front".

4. Use a black Sharpie to draw a straight line down the center of the rock, starting at the center of the base of the "head".

5. Dip the end of a large paint brush, or the eraser of a pencil, in black craft paint. Dot on the spots, reloading with paint after every dot.

6. Once the paint is dry, spray the rock(s) with acrylic sealer spray. Allow sealer to dry completely.

7. Using white craft glue, attach wiggle eyes and let dry.

Helpful Hints

* If you are doing this in a group setting, you may find it easier to prepare the rocks ahead of time. Wash, dry and apply a coat of Liquitex Basics Gesso (white) to each rock. This is a craft medium that works well with many projects. It will also create a base so that less coats of color paint will be required.