

VIRTUAL CHILDCARE PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES VOLUME #199
BON VOYAGE! TRAVEL THE
WORLD ALONG WITH YOUR

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HELLO PARENTS,

As global citizens, you and your child can share in the joy and wonder of exploring the world. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may have chosen to limit your in-person travel. Nonetheless, you can still remotely experience many global travel destinations and expose your child to diverse cultures and magnificent tourist attractions. So, grab your passports, pack your luggage, and prepare to share in awe-inspiring moments with your child, as your travel the world together from the comfort of your home!

ACTIVITIES INFANTS (3 – 18 MONTHS)

TRAVEL MEMORIES ALBUM

MATERIALS:

- Family pictures taken during travel
- Photo album

DIRECTIONS:

- Collect pictures of family members which were taken while travelling.
- Arrange these family pictures in a photo album.
- Sit with your infant and look at the album together.
- When your infant points to a family member, say their name and where they went. For example: "This is Uncle John! This is when he was on vacation in France!"

Click here to listen to the song, "Where Are You From?"

TODDLERS (19 MONTHS - 2.5 YEARS)

WONDERS OF THE WORLD SENSORY BAG

MATERIALS:

- Pictures of famous monuments
- Large Ziploc bag
- Clear boxing tape
- Shaving cream

DIRECTIONS:

- Click here to view pictures of the "Seven Wonders of the World." If you
 have a printer, print each picture on a separate paper. If you do not have
 a printer, draw each picture.
- To make the sensory bag:
 - Fill half of one Ziploc bag with shaving cream and seal it.
 - Cover the picture of the monument with clear, boxing tape. Put the
 picture into the Ziploc bag.
- Tape the sensory bag to the floor such that the picture side faces up. Encourage your child to explore it.
- As your child is moving the shaving cream in the sensory bag, tell them about the picture they see. For example: "This is the Taj Mahal. It is located in India!"

Click here to read, "Round is a Mooncake" by Roseanne Thong.

PRESCHOOLERS (2.5 – 5 YEARS)

GLOBAL TRAVELER

MATERIALS:

- Backpack
- Paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Tape

DIRECTIONS:

- Show your child pictures of different countries and famous landmarks, and ask them to choose one of these destinations.
- Set up a room to look like a place from your chosen destination. For example, if you are traveling to France, you may include a picture of the Eiffel tower, set up a café area with crepes and hot chocolate, etc.
- Tell your child that in order to board the plane they will have to create a boarding pass:
 - Using scissors, cut your paper in half.
 - Write their names, the destination, and seat numbers.

- On another piece of paper, cut 4 squares and write different seat numbers, two of them being yours and your child's seat number.
- Arrange four chairs in a room, two chairs next to each other, and tape the seat numbers behind each chair.
- Tell your child that you will be travelling. Ask them to pack their suitcases with items they would need for the trip. For example: clothes, toothbrush, hairbrush, etc.
- Give your child their boarding pass, get their suitcase, and ask them to go to the "airplane". Encourage them to find their seat number.
- Pretend to fly to your destination, which you previously set up. Once you arrive, talk to your child about the different sceneries that you see.

Click here to learn how to make a suitcase craft.

JK/SK (4 – 6 YEARS)

COME FLY WITH ME

MATERIALS:

- Cardboard box
- Pieces of cardboard
- Tape/glue-gun
- Scissors
- Markers
- Decorative materials (glitter, stickers, etc.)

DIRECTIONS:

- Tell your child that you are going to make an airplane. You may use a large cardboard box to create the body of the airplane.
- Use additional pieces of cardboard to add other parts of the airplane, such as the wings and propellers. Help your child to secure these parts of the plane to the body using tape or a hot glue gun.
- Add windows to your airplane. You may assist your child in drawing and cutting them out of the box.
- Encourage your child to draw on and decorate their airplane.
- Now, you are ready for travel! Board your plane, and pretend to fly away!

Click here to learn how to make "Clothes Peg Airplane".

SCHOOL-AGERS (6 – 12 YEARS)

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MATERIALS:

- PaperPencil
- Markers

DIRECTIONS:

- Choose a country that you would like to travel to, and research it. For example: the continent, capital city, famous landmarks in the country, etc.
- Find different videos and virtual tours of the country.
- Using the materials above, make a passport and an itinerary of the activities that you would like to do there, sites you would like to see, etc.
- Once completed, present your travel destination to your family.

Click here to learn how to make a travel journal.



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A TIP FOR TODAY

- Encourage your child to draw flags of different countries.
- Motivate your child to learn a few simple words of the language spoken in the country of their interest. For example: "hello", "thank you", etc.
- Make traditional recipes from different cultures. For example: a dish from China, Mexican cuisine, etc.
- Look at a world map with your child. Explain to your child more about the location of the countries, continents, etc.