

Glad Monster, Sad Monster

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An interactive way to explore feelings with unique cut-out masks included.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *When you hear the word "monster" you automatically think big, mean and scary. Are all monsters big, mean and scary?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if these monsters are friends ?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Glad Monster, Sad Monster*

- slurping: to make a loud sucking sound while drinking or eating something
- wiggly: moving side to side with small quick movements
- growly: to make a low sound in the throat
- goinking: the funny sound made when a pogo stick hits the ground

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Let's look at all the different masks. Which one is your favorite?
- Slurping ice cream makes the yellow monster glad. What are some foods that make you glad?
- Most people like to splash water but they don't like being splashed by water. Why is that?
- Does anyone have a baby sister or brother? How do you feel when you are holding or talking to them?
- Listening to a terrible thunderstorm worries the orange monster. Why do thunderstorms worry and scare people?

Paper Plate Monster Masks

Things you'll need:

Paper plates

Green, black and white paint

Cotton balls

Yellow marker

Glue

Popsicle sticks

Paintbrush

This craft can get kind of messy since it involves paint and markers so spread newspaper across the table you'll be working on (outside is probably the best place for this activity. Kids should wear smocks or old clothing that you won't mind ruining. Also, spread newspaper on the floor or cover with an old sheet.

Paint a paper plate green on both sides. With older children, you can use acrylic because it will paint a nice, deep color on the plate. With younger children, you may want to use watercolors because they are less messy.

After the green paint has dried, cut out two holes about one-third down from the top of the plate. This is where the eyes will see through.

Paint thick, black eyebrows above the eye holes.

Paint a black, square nose under the eye holes.

Paint a square, white mouth and cut a small hole in the middle. Once the white paint has dried, paint a black horizontal line and black vertical lines for teeth.

Color two cotton balls yellow with the marker and glue them to the sides of the plate. These are the "bolts" in the monster's neck.

Paint a curved, black line on the mask to create stitches and then add cross-hatches.

Glue a Popsicle stick to the bottom of the paper plate.

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