



### Preschool Age Art Activities

#### Rainbow tree

Next time you are on a walk and spot a medium sized branch or one falls in your yard save it and make a rainbow tree. You can “plant” the tree in a small pot with dirt or sand or out in your yard. Have your kiddo paint each branch a different color to make the rainbow tree!

#### Family portraits

Have your child draw a picture of themselves and everyone else who is special to them. If your child favors using one color for their whole drawing, encourage them to think about each person specifically and how they can make them unique, if your child wants to just use the red crayon to complete their masterpiece, ask them questions about each person’s appearance “is mommy taller than you?” “Does Grandma have short or long hair?”

#### Paper binoculars

After the paper product is gone from paper towel or toilet paper rolls, use the cardboard to make binoculars. Use string to secure two rolls next to each other (tape, a staple, would also work). Have your child decorate their binoculars by painting, coloring on or writing their names on their binoculars. Play “I Spy” with child using their binoculars to find what you spy!

#### Circle painting

Cut toilet paper or paper towel rolls in half, put paint in bowls and use the cardboard roll as the “brush” and have child make a painting of all circles.

#### Paper plate animals

Use a paper plate to paint/draw an animal face, like a lion. Have child put eyes, whiskers, mouth and mane on the face, child can draw their favorite animal.

#### Tissue paper number art

Write out the numbers of your phone number or address and have child use tissue paper or little pieces of paper to “trace” numbers, this is a fun way for child to learn important information while making art.

#### Animal mask

Cut out the center of a paper plate. Draw or help your child draw their favorite animals ears, or a unicorn horn, or the scales of a dragon and decorate the paper plate with the animal parts, child puts face into the “mask” and can pretend to be their favorite animal.

#### Making thank-you/get well notes

Have your child dictate a thank-you note or get-well card to someone they care about. Then have them draw a picture on the outside of it. Send it!

#### Making your own dramatic play props

Discuss with your child the kind of clothing community helpers wear, super hero etc. Discuss what you have in your house that could be used create that uniform or prop. Create it! Set up a dramatic play area in your house where you can store the props.

## Action for Children



### **Family Art Show**

Have each member of the family create a piece of art (you could pick a theme). Post the art where you have space. Create award ribbons to place on the art (e.g. Most unusual, best use of color, best in show etc.) Set up a time to have the show. Set up refreshments to be share at the end of the show.