

A Paper Boat for Jinnat



Friday 18 March

Jinnat's favourite toy is a paper boat that her sister makes for her. In this activity, children develop their understanding of the world by talking about their own favourite toys and comparing them with Jinnat's. They then go on to make paper boats, which they can take home and use to collect small change for Sport Relief.

What you will need

- 1 Each child's favourite toy brought in from home or chosen from the setting
- 2 'Jinnat's Favourite Toy' photo sheet (page 4 of this PDF)
- 3 A copy of the paper boat template for each child (page 5 of this PDF)
- 4 Paints, colouring pens, pencils



Early Years

Foundation Stage Links

Communication and language

- ★ Understanding – follow instructions involving several ideas or actions
- ★ Speaking – express themselves effectively

Physical development

- ★ Moving and handling – show good control and co-ordination in small movements; handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing

Expressive arts and design

- ★ Exploring and using media and materials – experiment with colour, design, form and function
- ★ Being imaginative – use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes

Understanding the world

- ★ People and communities – know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions



Favourite Toys



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Activity 1

Start with a '**show and tell**'.

Ask each child to show the group their toy and describe why it's their favourite.

Prompt questions:

- Why do you like playing with this toy?
- How do you play with it?
- Does your toy move? How?
- Does it have a name?
- Do you know what it is made from?

Show children the photo sheet '**Jinnat's Favourite Toy**' or display the image on the interactive whiteboard. Explain to them that Jinnat's family is poor and she doesn't have any toys like theirs. Her favourite thing to play with is a paper boat made by her sister.



Prompt questions:

- How is Jinnat's paper boat different from your favourite toys?
- Have you ever played with a paper boat? What do you think you would do with it?
- How would you feel if the only toy you had to play with was a paper boat?

You could make a display of favourite toys by asking the children to draw a picture of their favourite toy and displaying their drawings around the photo of Jinnat's paper boat.



Top Tip

For more great activity ideas, get your free activity pack from sportrelief.com/nurserypack

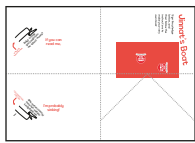


Make a Paper Boat for Jinnat

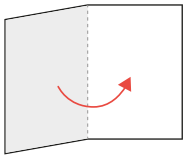
Activity 2

Explain to the children that they're going to decorate and make their own paper boat. They can then take this home and ask family and friends to help them fill it with small change for Sport Relief.

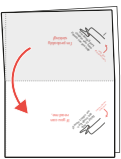
Folding and making the paper boat is quite fiddly – practise a couple of times in advance so you can help the children. Alternatively, you could send their decorated sheet home with a set of instructions for folding it up and ask parents to help out. There are helpful video guides on the internet if needed.



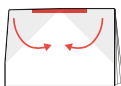
- 1 Give each child a copy of the paper boat template (**page 5 of this PDF**). Help them to fill in the Sport Relief pledge by writing their name in the space. Encourage them to decorate the piece of paper so that their final boat is as bright and colourful as possible.



- 2 Fold the paper in half, ensuring the blank side is on the inside.



- 3 Fold the paper in half again.



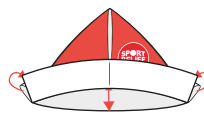
- 4 Fold the top corners down so they meet in the middle.



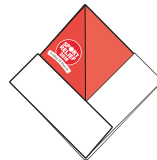
- 5 Your boat should now look like this.



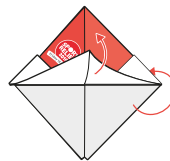
- 6 Fold the bottom up over the sail (do this on both sides).



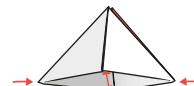
- 7 Open the boat out in the middle, and press it into a square. Tuck the corners in to keep it tidy.



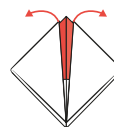
- 8 It should now look like this.



- 9 Fold the bottom half up to touch the top. Do this on both sides so it looks like a triangle.



- 10 Open up the boat at the bottom, which should make it into a square again.



- 11 Your boat should now look like this. Carefully pull the two sides down to reveal the sail.



- 12 Now open the base of the boat up (to help it float) and adjust the shape if needed. Ask the children to take home their finished paper boats and use them to collect spare change. Bring them back on Sport Relief day and count the money raised!

Why not sail the paper boats on Sport Relief day to celebrate the children's fundraising?



Jinnat's Favourite Toy



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Jinnat does not have any toys.
Her favourite thing to play with is a
paper boat like this one, which her
sister made for her.

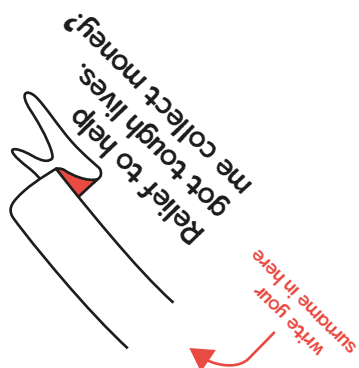


Jinnat's Boat

Sign the pledge below, print this page out (actual size), and then follow the instructions to make your very own boat



If you can
read me,



I'm probably
sinking!

