

Kite Capers



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Introduction

By Amanda Bennett

There are some things that I think every child should be able to experience, and kite flying is close to the top of the list. From the first thrill of building their own kite to the successful launch of the kite—“I did it!”—these are exciting memories that children will carry for a lifetime. Because of this, the topic of kites makes for a fun study and lapbook adventure for the whole family.

From the history of kites, which takes us around the globe, to the science of how a kite flies, there is much to be learned in this study. What better way to learn about the wind and how forces work?

Choosing this topic for a Download N Go™ study was fun, since I grew up loving kites and all things that fly. From simple diamond kites to stunt kites on the beach, our family has always enjoyed kite flying, and we have made so many great memories on these adventures. With this study/lapbook, your child will investigate all kinds of things about kites, including the history of kites, types of kites, how kites fly, and how they are enjoyed across the globe. Each day he will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his Kite Capers lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With the Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That’s it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

From developing an understanding of the basics of how a kite is made and how it works to learning about Benjamin Franklin’s own kite experiment, this is going to be an exciting adventure. Your child will be learning about:

- The history of kites
- How a kite flies
- Kite safety
- Kites around the world

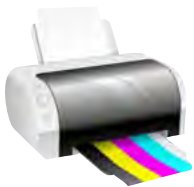
Along the way, there will be science discoveries, such as learning about the wind and clouds. Your student will also learn a bit of history and geography as he studies the different types of kites and the way kites are enjoyed around the world.

So get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we take off with *Kite Capers*. While you are enjoying *Kite Capers*, look ahead to *Twisting Tornadoes* and *Expedition China*—new titles in the Download N Go™ series that continues to grow!



Notes to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

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Day 1

What Is a Kite?

Start this day with a look at some kite-flying fun:

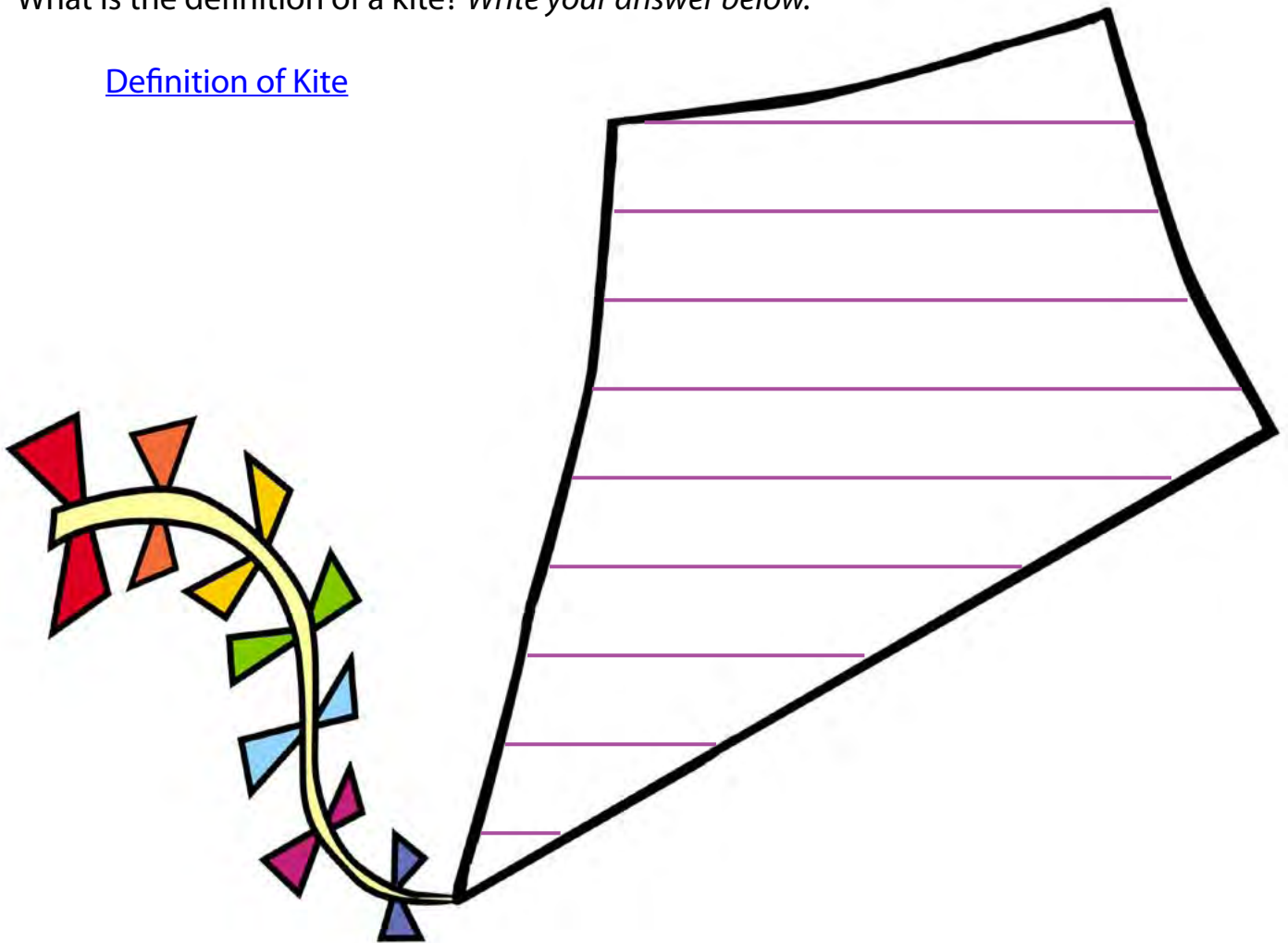
Video: [Twisted Box Kites](#)

Video: [Lets Go Fly a Kite](#)

Now that you have seen some kites in flight, what does a kite do?

What is the definition of a kite? *Write your answer below.*

[Definition of Kite](#)



When we learn about kites, one of the first things to do is to learn about the parts of a kite. Using these links, find out the names of the parts of a kite. *Label the kite below.*

[Parts of a Kite](#)

[What Is a Kite?](#)

[Diagram of a Box Kite](#)

