

Parent Guide

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Pirates

Hello! The theme for this box is Pirates. Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the items!

Be a pirate! Have your child dress up as a pirate using the bandana and patch! He or she can practice talking like a pirate and imagine all kinds of adventures. This helps build open-ended imaginative play skills. The bandana is cotton and washable.

Read the book *How to be a Pirate*. This book is perfect for helping the young child imagine life as a pirate in a fun and engaging way. To practice story comprehension skills, read a page to your child and then ask them to tell you about what just happened. You can also address predicting skills by having your child tell you what they think will happen next! Your child can practice their speaking skills by telling you about the pictures on the pages. Rather than ask specific questions such as, "what's this?" use open-ended statements, such as "tell me about the picture."

Build a pirate ship! This pop out and play set is a great way for children to have a hands-on experience with pirates. Have the child build the ship set and let their imaginations soar. This is a great opportunity to work on fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, visual spatial skills, and following directions.

Paint your own treasure chest! Your little one can paint the chest to keep their treasures safe. It is the perfect place for their gold and pearls! They can even hide it for a treasure hunt. This activity helps your child work on color identification and fine motor skills.

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Go on a treasure hunt! Have your child use their map to look for treasure. You can hide the treasure, and give simple instructions to help them find it. This is a great way to work on following directions, directional concepts, spatial concepts, and vocabulary skills. You can also teach them how to read a map. The map pairs well with the other pirate props included in the box. The map is handmade by Her Flying Horses and is made of cotton, felt, and flannel.

Barnacle Bart has come to your house! This adorable pirate is sure to inspire your little ones to imagine their own pirate adventures! Puppets are an amazing way for little ones to work on language skills, including speaking skills, imagining they are someone else, and conversation skills. Have your child be Barnacle Bart while you are another pirate and practice taking turns, talking like a pirate, and thinking about what a pirate might like to do or say. Then, switch roles! The play opportunities are endless!

We hope you love your box!

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