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by JOY COWLEY

AT HOME DRAMA ACTIVITY SHEET

Thank you for watching *Greedy Cat - Online*. We now hope you have some fun, creative play and drama games with your family. This guide offers creative suggestions for the whole family to enjoy after viewing *Greedy Cat - Online* by Joy Cowley and Robyn Belton adapted by Tim Bray

GET FOCUSED!

Word Association Game

Players sit in a circle. Have someone start with Greedy Cat. Then go around the circle, each person saying what the previous person's word reminded them of. For example: Greedy Cat...fat...pet...food... vomit...grass...field...hill...tree... climb...play...theatre... Greedy Cat! End with the person who started. See if you can begin and end with Greedy Cat!

One Word Story

Gather your family in a circle and tell a story about a Greedy Cat, one word at a time.

Count to Ten as a Family

The entire family must count to 10 together. BUT, only one person at a time may call out a number, in order. If two or more people speak at once, the family must start at the beginning again. Don't take turns. Just speak when you're ready. Eyes can be open or shut, fun either way! See if your family can collectively count to ten by intuition only.



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GET MOVING!



Animal Walk

How did Greedy Cat move? He prowled, pounced, strutted, stretched, climbed and clung! Explore a cat's movements then act out another animal!

Have the family guess your animal.

- Hop around like a sparrow searching for some seeds in the grass.
- Become a lion, pacing in his cage, ready for feeding time.
- Slither through the grass like a snake.
- Swish through the swamp like a crocodile.
- Walk lazily through a field like a cow munching on some grass.
- Trot like a horse in a field.
- Run like a dog chasing and retrieving a bone.
- Walk through the desert like a camel.
- Be a monkey picking and eating a banana.
- Beat your chest like a gorilla, making an appropriate sound.



Stealing the Sticky Bun

Pick one person to stand at one end of the room, they are the shopkeeper. The rest of the family are at the other end of the room, they are all Greedy Cats. The shopkeeper places a sticky bun (a small, soft object) on the floor next to their feet. When the shopkeeper faces away from the players, (the shopkeeper is busy in the shop) the other players slowly crawl towards the 'sticky bun.' When the shopkeeper turns around, the greedy cats have to FREEZE. If the shopkeeper sees a greedy cat moving they have to go back to the start. The first Greedy Cat to grab the sticky bun is the winner!



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THINK CREATIVELY!

What Are We Eating?

In a sitting circle, ask someone to silently think of their favourite food. Choose one random player to start. They will mime eating their favourite food, being as specific as possible with how they are eating it, really imagining what it's like to eat that food. Next, they will "pass it" to the person next to them, saying, "Do you want a bite?" That player must take a bite and pass it along, until it goes all around the circle. Players then guess what the food was.

Birthday Present - A Magical Box

One player starts by handing the player next to them an imaginary box. "I have a present for you!" The player next to them accepts "Thank you!" and "opens" it. They announce what they've found inside. "A giant elephant! Thank you!" They then pass a gift to the next person. ANYTHING can be in the box.

GET BUSY!

Grab your paper, paint and play doh! Create some props for a show!

Katie and her dad spent time making paper hats for Christmas day. Make some of your own. Make Greedy Cat face masks out of paper plates. Create food using play doh. Have fun painting and cutting out pictures of goldfish or create some medals for a pet show. Write out a shopping list for your trip to the shops. Design some theatre tickets to hand out to the family before your performance.



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PERFORM!

Pet Show

Perform in pairs. One person is the pet owner. The other person is the pet. They decide what the pet will be, come up with a name and a trick. Owners take turns leading on their pet, introducing them and having the animal perform! Another member of the family can play the part of the judge. They could ask questions to the owners about their pet. Katie wanted Greedy Cat to win the 'loveliest or cuddliest or most playful and best-est friend in the whole world' award. What other categories could your children come up with? The prize could be a sticky bun!

Re-enact A Scene: Entertain your family by performing your favourite Greedy Cat scene!

You could act out the shopping scene. Can you remember the food that Greedy Cat stole? (A sausage, a sticky bun, a banana, a bag of chips, a small box of chocolates, a pot of pepper) What was your favourite scene?

Narrative Pantomime

This is a simple activity that can be done with one of the Greedy Cat books. As a parent or sibling reads the story, your child acts out the part of Greedy Cat. There are no props or costumes necessary. Have your child go through the physical movements of Greedy Cat, concentrating on the five senses in each scene.

Create Another Scene

Perhaps Greedy Cat takes a trip to the beach or the park. What food does he see? Does he feel hungry? Greedy Cat decides to talk! What would Greedy Cat say? How does Greedy Cat feel when he's not allowed food? What story could you make up about Greedy Cat? Act it out for the family!