

## Grandma's Surprise Bag

Here is an idea that I used yesterday. My 9 year old granddaughter was sick and her parents needed me to go watch her for a few hours. I took the August books (Treasure Island, and Noah and the Flood), to read to them. I put them in a gift bag, and added little wooden, unpainted anchors and lighthouses from the craft store. I also added some candy that were wrapped with gold foil, and some lifesaver candies. As I read Treasure Island, and got to the part about the Anchor, I pulled out the Anchor and gave it to her. Same with the lifesaver candy, lighthouse, and gold wrapped candy. Each section can be read each day or week, but when I asked Kylee if she wanted me to keep reading she said "Yes". Pulling something out of the bag during each lesson really excited her. She laughed when I pulled out the lifesavers! And her 3 year old brother was happy too.



When we finished the book they painted the wooden objects. If you do not have time to go to the craft store you can print out the coloring pages of the objects in the August Issue, and pull out coloring pages instead.

I also read "Noah and the Flood" to them. I bought a package of pipe cleaners that had a variety of colors. I like to use the ones that glitter for the rainbow. (I saw a picture of this idea during my last craft store visit). We placed the colors red, yellow, green, blue and purple in order, and cut the silver pipe cleaner in half. We used one of the silver pipe cleaners to tie the 5 pipe cleaners together. Then arch the rainbow upwards and back down. Use the other silver pipe cleaner to tie the other end. You can add cotton balls on each end by glueing them on to the rainbow. I was able to make 4 rainbows out of one package of pipe cleaners, so the cost is about .25 cents each. My grandchildren was excited to hang their rainbows in their room.

I left feeling really great. They actually learned more about the bible from my visit, and we all had fun! Next time I think I will bake some "Bee Cookies" and read the 8 Beatitudes. I might even volunteer to go over once a month so the parents can go out, while grandma teaches the grandkids lessons from the bible.