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Windsock



What You Need:

- Construction Paper
- Coloured tissue paper (or ribbon)
- Yarn (or string)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- Crayons, markers, stickers, etc.

Directions:

1. Have your child decorate a piece of construction paper. They can use crayons, markers, stickers, or any other craft items.
2. Roll the paper to make a tube and tape it shut. Make sure the side that your child decorated is on the outside.
3. Cut narrow stripes of tissue paper (or if using ribbon, cut some sections) about 1 foot in length. If your child is able, have them cut the tissue paper/ribbons.
4. Tape the stripes of tissue paper (or ribbon) onto the bottom of the tube. Make sure to tape the streamers on the inside of the tube.
5. Cut a piece of yarn (or string) about 1.5 feet in length, and tape on the top of the tube, on the inside.
6. On a sunny and windy day take your child outside and have them choose a place to hang it.



Talking Points:

Wind is a difficult concept for preschoolers because they cannot see it, so they have a hard time understanding it exists. However, you can show them about how wind helps to move objects. So, talk to them about how light objects are carried greater distance than heavier objects.

You can also talk to them about wind direction. Ask them what way their windsock is moving. Or you talk to your little one about the type of wind - is it a strong wind, a gentle wind, a warm draft, etc.

Books:

- ─ [Windblown](#) by Edouard Manceau from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Windy Hair Day



What You Need:

- Paint (2 - 3 colours)
- Bowls (one for each colour) & Spoon
- White Cardstock
- Straw
- Marker
- Water

Directions:

1. Have an adult mix equal parts of paint with equal parts of water in a bowl. Repeat for each colour.
2. On a piece of white cardstock draw a large happy face. If your little one is able have them draw it.
3. Pour a small amount of each of the water-paint mixture on top of the drawings' head. You can do at least 3-6 little puddles.
4. Give your little one a straw and encourage them to use the straw to blow the paint all over to give their person a crazy windy hairdo.



Talking Points:

It is important to teach your little one to blow out of a straw, as well as, drink from a straw because it helps them strengthen the small muscles around their mouth. These muscles are what helps your little one form sounds and words. So make you're your little one uses the straw for this activity instead of just blowing with their mouths.

Talk to your little one about the colours that are being used for the hair. Ask them what happens when two colours mix together (i.e. blue and yellow make green). Also ask them what happens if they blow very gently versus blowing hard.

Books:

- ─ [The Windy Day](#) by Anna Milbourne from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- ─ [The True Story Of The Three Little Pigs](#) by Jon Scieszka from [Kanopy Kids](#)

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Wind Science



What You Need:

- Straw
- Different weighted objects, such as a cotton ball, piece of cereal, crayon, leaf, rock, tissue paper, block, and child's sock.



Directions:

1. Put one of the objects on a table and ask your little one if they think they can make the item move by blowing through a straw.
2. Have the little one test their theory by blowing through the straw to try and make the object move.
3. Ask them if the object moved or not.
4. Repeat with different objects.

Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about the texture, weight and colour of each object before they try the experiment.

Explain to your little one that when they try things out to see if their ideas are correct, this is called an experiment.

Talk to your little one about how their breath is a force, that causes some items to be put into motion (move).

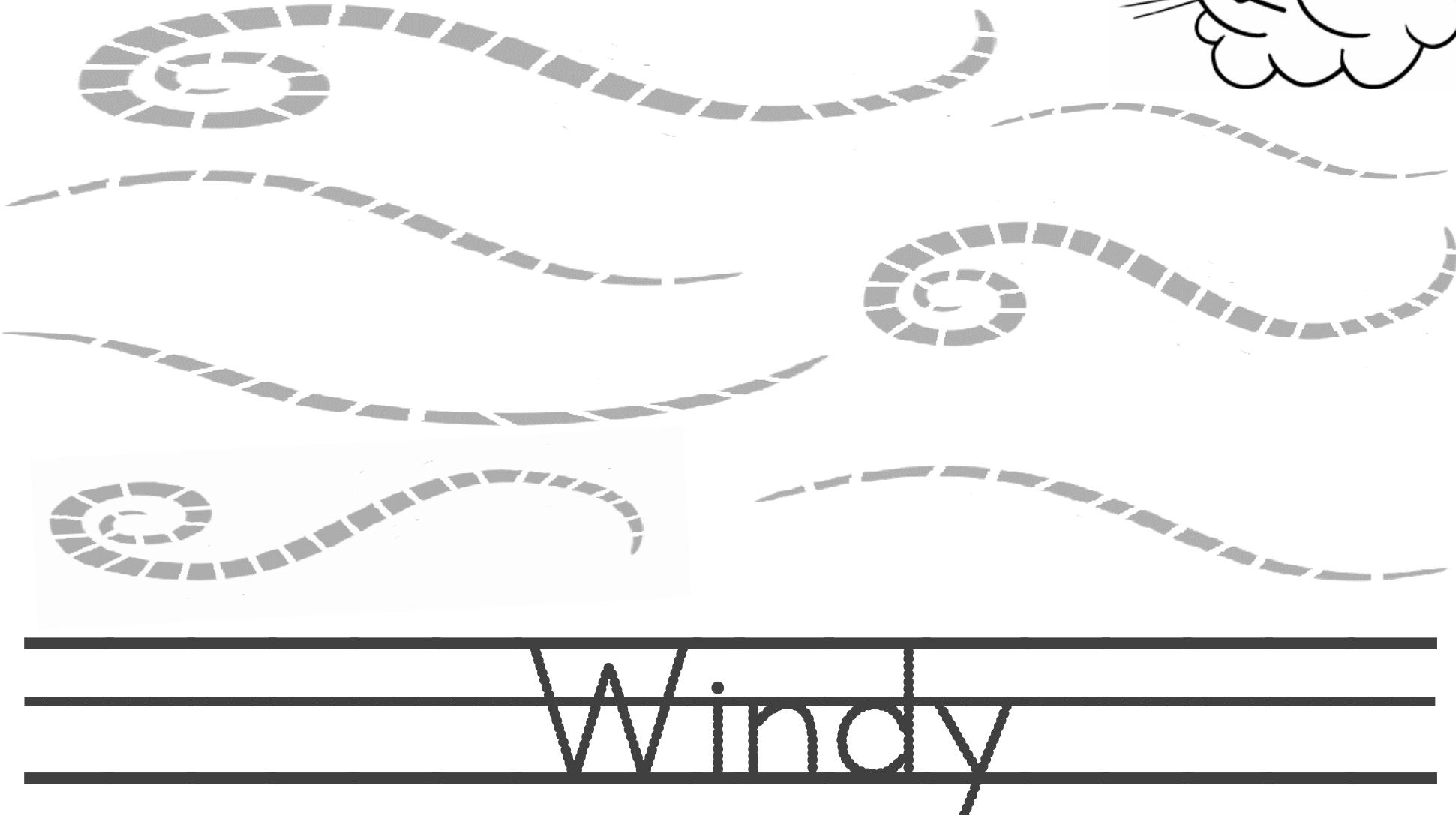
Books:

- 📘 [Contest Between the Sun and the Wind](#) by Heather Forest from [Tumblebook Library](#)
- 📘 [When the Wind Blows](#) by Linda Booth Sweeney from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📘 [The Wind Blew](#) by Pat Hutchins from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Trace the Wind

The Weather is...



Songs



The Wind is Blowing

Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

The wind is blowing all around,
All around, all around
The wind is blowing all around,
All around the town.

Other verses:

The sun is shining
The rain is falling
The snow is falling

What's the Weather?

Tune: Itsy, Frere Jacques

What's the weather, what's the weather?
Can you tell, can you tell?
Is the wind blowing, is the rain falling?
Can you tell, can you tell?

Other verses:

Is the sun shining, is the wind blowing?
Is the sun shining, is the rain falling?

Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind

Tune: Row, Row, Row, Your Boat

Blow, blow, blow the wind
Gently through the trees.
Blow and blow and blow and blow
How I like a breeze.

Blow, blow, blow the clouds
Blow them through the sky.
Blow and blow and blow and blow
Watch the clouds roll by!

