

## A CAT IN TROUBLE

### Activities for Kindergarten

#### 1. Oral Language & Story Comprehension

Activity: "What Happened First?" Sequence Cards

Provide four simple picture cards:

1. Kitty climbs the tree
2. Balloons lift him up
3. Bird pops a balloon
4. Kitty lands in another tree



Learning Goals (UK EYFS / US Pre-K student):

- Retells simple stories in correct order
- Uses time vocabulary: first, then, next, last

#### 2. Vocabulary & Concepts

Target words: kitty, tree, balloon, bird, floating, sky, frightened, safe

Activity: Picture-Word Match

Children connect each picture to the matching word.

Extension: Say a word and children act it out (float, climb, pop, fall, land).

#### 3. Arts & Crafts

Activity: "Make Your Own Flying Kitty" Craft

Materials: paper plate, yarn, tissue paper balloons.

Steps:

- Colour kitty's face on the plate
- Add yarn "strings"
- Glue or tape "balloons" made of tissue paper

Curriculum Goals:

- Fine motor development
- Creative expression
- Understanding story characters

#### 4. Phonological Awareness

Activity: The "POP!" Sound Game

Children clap each time they hear /p/ in: pop, playful, up, kitty popped, purple, peek-a-boo.

Curriculum Goals:

- Identify initial phonemes
- Strengthen auditory discrimination

## Early Maths (Counting & Comparing)

Activity: "How Many Balloons?"

Worksheet with groups of balloons (1-6).

Children:

- Count each group
- Circle the group with "more"
- Put an X on the group with "fewer"

Links to UK EYFS Early Number / US CCSS K.CC.

## 6. Science — Animals & Movement

Activity: "Who Flies? Who Climbs?"

Sorting worksheet:

Column A: animals that fly

Column B: animals that climb

Connect to the story:

Kitty climbs → balloons make him "fly."

## 7. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

Activity: "How Did Kitty Feel?"

Children choose between pictures of emotions: happy, scared, surprised, safe.

Then say: "Kitty felt \_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_."

Supports emotional vocabulary development.

## 8. Gross Motor — "Kitty Adventure Role Play"

Children act out:

- Climbing
- Floating
- Wobbling in the air
- Landing gently

Great for EYFS Physical Development.

## 9. Mini Book

Children create a 4-page storybook retelling the events with drawings.

