

## Catch The Reading Bug 2007 – Week Six

**Sub-theme:** Car Bugs

**Title:** Let's Go for a Drive

**Age:** 4-6 Years

**Duration:** 1 Hour

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### Materials:

- Stop sign
- Craft supplies

### Procedure:

#### 1. Discussion:

Start by talking together about traffic safety – seat belts, rules for pedestrians, traffic lights.

#### 2. Songs:

Traffic Light Song (to the tune of Twinkle, twinkle little star)

Twinkle, twinkle traffic light,  
Standing on the corner bright.  
When it's green it's time to go,  
When it's red it's stop you know.  
Twinkle, twinkle traffic light,  
Standing on the corner bright.

#### Car Song

(to the tune of BINGO)

[Before you start your trip, put keys in ignition, check seat belts and mirrors, go to the gas station and fuel up!]

Look at my bright shiny car

I'm driving it today-o.

C - A - R (BEEP! BEEP!)

C - A - R (BEEP! BEEP!)

C - A - R (BEEP! BEEP!)

I'm driving it today - o!

#### 3. Games:

## **Red light, Green light**

Have children line up across the back of the room. Tell them to start taking slow steps forward as you say "Green light" repeatedly. When you say "Red light" unexpectedly, they are to stop. Players who do not stop are out of the game.

## **Freeze Dance**

Make a stop sign (a ping pong paddle or stiff piece of card covered with red paper with the word stop in white letters). Make the reverse side green with the word GO. Play music and dance. When the teacher flips the sign from GO to STOP everyone freezes.

## **4. Craft Options:**

### **Stop Light Craft**

Cut egg cartons into 3 vertical sections. Cut a small slit at the bottom of the row, insert a popsicle stick and tape it to the back of the egg carton. Have the children paint each egg carton section red, yellow and green (or glue in paper circles in each colour). If you want to extend the activity, you can put a slot in the bottom of a small flat-bottomed paper cup and insert the stick slightly through it to act like the base of a traffic light and enable the traffic light to stand up.

### **Steering Wheel Craft**

Give children paper plates, and have them decorate them like a car dashboard. Cut out smaller circles for steering wheels, which can be fastened in the middle of the plate with brad fasteners (those brass butterfly fasteners) so that the steering wheel turns.

There are some great colouring pages featuring Safety Bee at [http://www.kinderart.com/kindercolor/safety\\_seatbelt.htm](http://www.kinderart.com/kindercolor/safety_seatbelt.htm)

## **Resources:**

### **Books:**

Alborough, Jez. [Duck in a Truck](#).

Bell, Babs. [Bridge is Up](#).

Brown, Margaret Wise. [Red Light, Green Light](#).

Christelow, Eileen. [Five Little Monkeys Wash the Car](#).

Dodds, Dayle Ann. [Pet Wash](#).

Hindley, Judy. [Big Red Bus](#).

Pomerantz, Charlotte. [How Many Trucks Can a Tow Truck Tow?](#).

Steen, Sandra. Car Wash.