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## Morning Circle

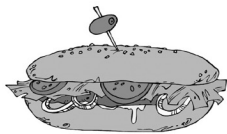
Show the children photos of boats. Take some time to look at the different types, shapes, colors, and locations. Show them a photo of a yacht. What are the differences between yachts and sailboats? Between tugboats and barges? Submarines and aircraft carriers? Are there any yellow sails or boats in the book? Ask the children what sound they hear as the beginning sound in "yacht" and "yellow." Show the letter "Y" (in yellow if possible.) Say the "Y" sound together, and repeat the words "yacht" and "yellow."

Show children photos of people on boats. Ask the children whether they've been on a boat before. What type was it? What did they do? Did they wear a life vest? Stress the importance of safety on the water.

Read The Boat Book, by Gail Gibbons.  
Did the children see some familiar boats in the book?

### Music & Movement:

Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" while acting out the "rowing."



**Snack Time:** Make Submarine Sandwiches! Make sure the children's hands are clean and let them build their own sandwiches using hoagie or other oblong buns. Then ask them why they think this type of sandwich is called a "submarine."

## Additional Activities

If there is a marina, lake, maritime museum, or historic battleship in your area, take the children for a visit. If that is not possible, borrow a video of "Theodore Tugboat" and enjoy the wonderful make-believe of the Big Harbour!

Boat Coloring Pages and File Folder Games available online

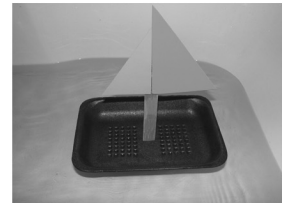
## Center Activities

1. Water Center: Provide a large container of clean water and place a variety of toy boats in it. Also provide other items, such as a piece of wood, a paperclip, a paper cup, a piece of playdough, a toy car, and a leaf. What floats and what sinks? What about combining some of the objects? What about cupping the piece of playdough? What happens then?
2. Painting Center: Have various shades of yellow available and some letter "Y" foam stamps. Encourage the children to create lovely yellow "Y" paintings.
3. Magnetic Center: Prepare a "fishing" center complete with "fishing poles" and magnetic "fish." You can easily create your own by tying string to the end of a wooden dowel or stick and attaching a small magnet at the end of the string. The "fish" can simply be paper clips, or you can tape paper fish to the paper clips for a more realistic effect. Also include some non-magnetic items in the fishing pool, along with some other small magnetic items (these could be the crabs or turtles of the fishing hole!) and observe the differences in the items.

## Art Activity

### Styrofoam Boats

Use rectangular shapes for the boat, then tape or glue a paper triangle onto a popsicle stick and insert this into the "boat." Let the children paint and/or glitter-glue all over to make their boats extra-special. Consider having boat races once the boats are ready and dry.



## Bible Story

Read, Don't Rock the Boat! The Story of the Miraculous Catch by Marilyn Lashbrook.

Bible Verse Bracelets:

"From now on you will catch men." Luke 5:11

When the fishermen saw the miracle Jesus had done for them, how they'd caught so many fish that their boats nearly sank, they were amazed. They were so convinced that Jesus was the Son of God that they left everything they had to follow Him!

Song: "Peter, James, and John in a Sailboat," by the Cedarmont Kids.