

Pesach Froggie Middos Project

Grade Level: Early Childhood-Elementary



Description:

A clever, visually appealing, hands-on project that is a perfect prop to explain the idea of the effect of anger as relating to the midrash about Makkas Tzefardeyah that many little frogs came out of the big frog once the Mitzrim hit it. A tissue box decorated like a giant frog has a movable “tongue” with little froggies on it that can be pulled in or out of the frog’s tissue box mouth. This project can be made for Pesach, Parshas Vaeira or a unit on middos.

Goals/Objectives:

Students will assemble an adorable project that relates to Makkas Tzefardeyah and to middos/anger.

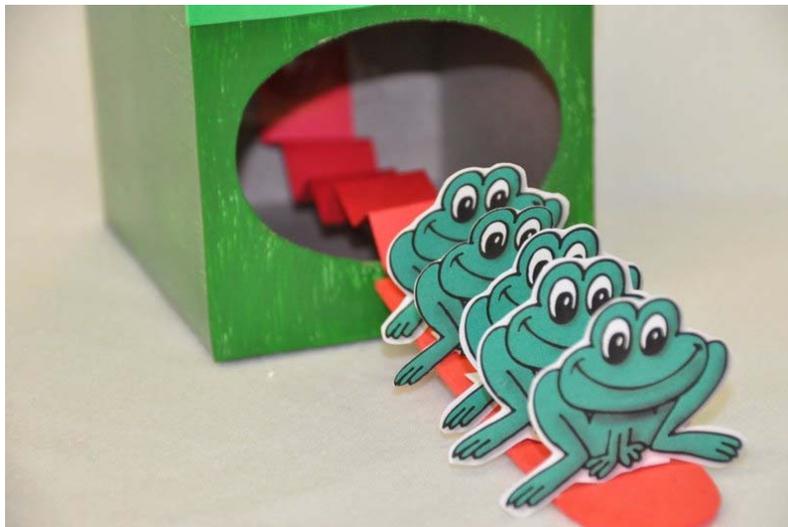
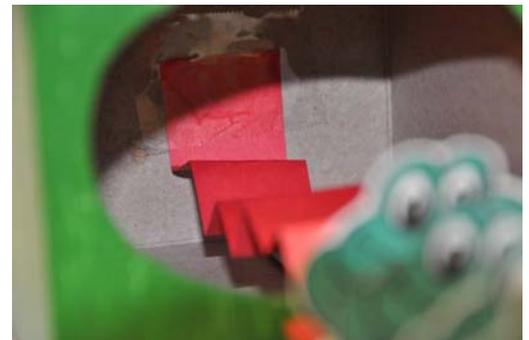
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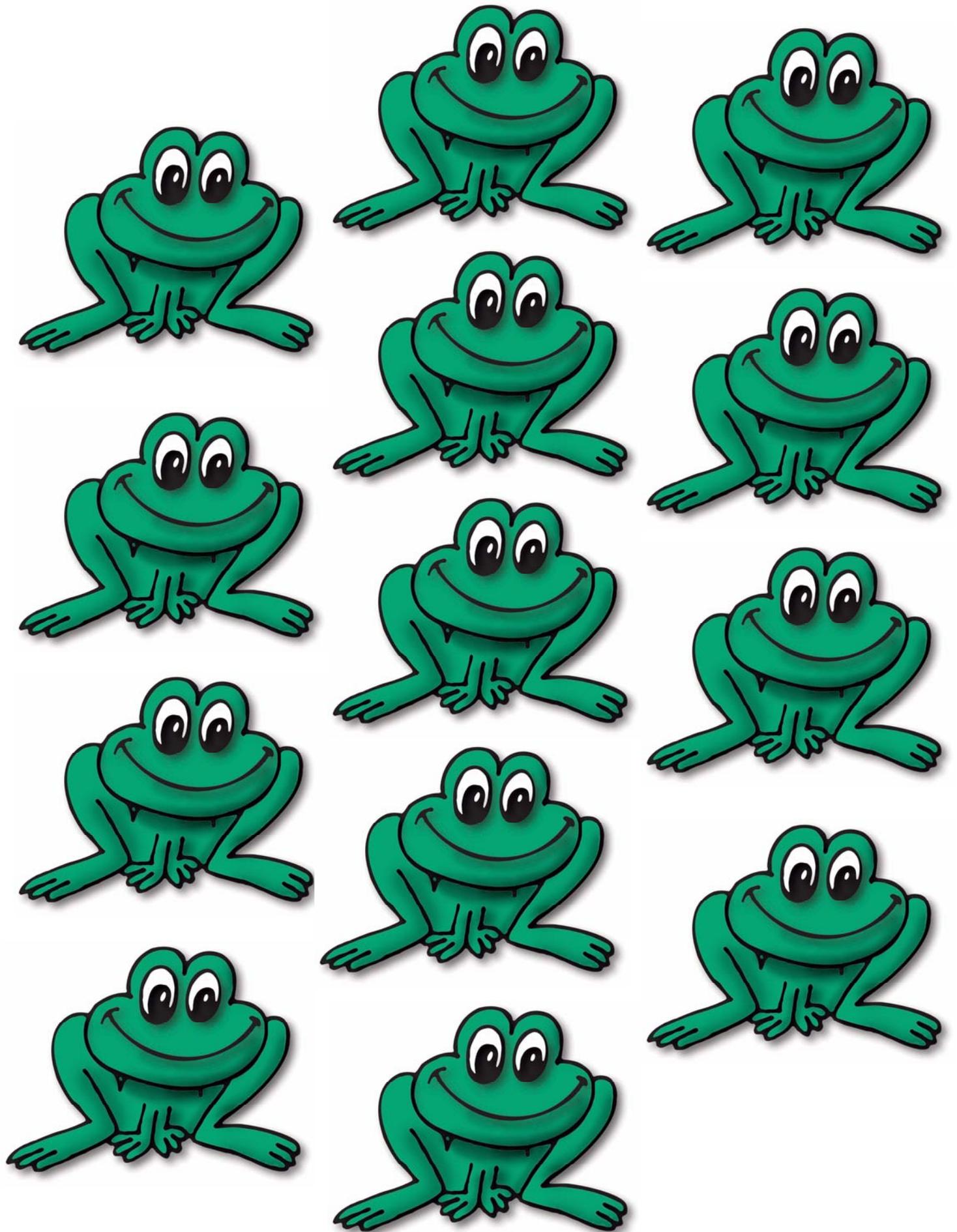
- 1 square tissue box, empty
- Green paint
- Green and red Fun Foam
- Large googly eyes
- Fast-Grab Tacky Glue



Instructions:

1. Tell children the story of the big frog that launched the plague of Tzefardeyah.
2. Children paint the tissue box green. It may need 2 coats.
3. While box is drying, children cut out the patterns of the head and tongue out of foam. Depending on the ages of the children, teacher might trace the templates onto the foam for them first.
4. Children cut out paragraph, frogs and tabs to help frogs stand up. (Optional: teacher can cut all the tabs free-hand with a paper cutter to save time – just give each child 5 tabs.)
5. Children glue tabs onto frogs, then glue onto the tongue. (Tip: Use Fast Grab Tacky Glue – the pieces will stick immediately without sliding).
6. When frog is dry, glue eyes onto head, and glue head onto frog. Glue paragraph onto top.
7. Insert tongue, and pull it in and out to act out the story. Children can pretend to be “hitting” the frog like angry Mitzrim. Explain to them to only PRETEND to hit the frog! :)



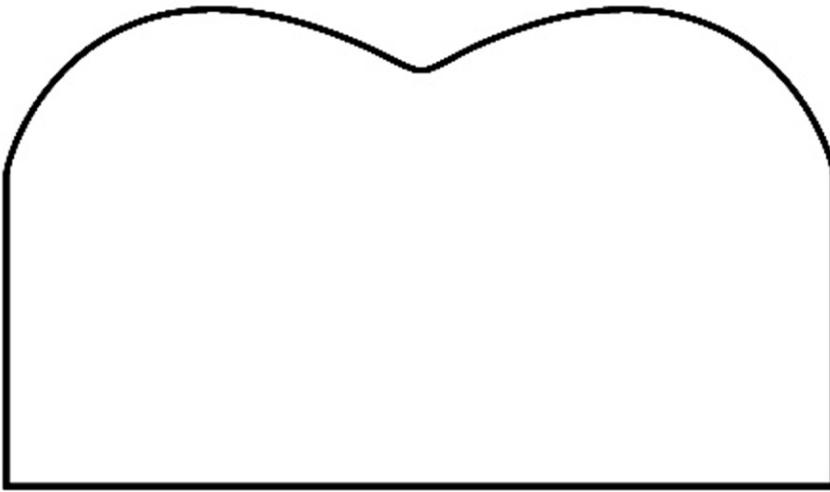


The makka of Tzefardeyah (frogs) started with one big frog. Every time the Mitzrim got upset and hit the big frog, more frogs would appear! They did not stop hitting even though more and more frogs kept coming!

When we are angry, instead of losing our tempers, we should calm down and think about what to do. Otherwise we just make things worse like the Mitzrim did!

Tissue Box Frog Template

Eyes



Tongue



Tabs to stand up frogs

