



Message in a Bottle



Writing a message to put in a bottle is a fun and meaningful way to get your child excited about writing!

What You Need

Bottle (for instance, a small soda bottle, spice jar or clear plastic container)

Paper (cut to fit inside the bottle)

Pencil, Crayon or marker

Tape, string or ribbon

Directions

1) Prepare the Bottle

Wash the bottle or container with warm, soapy water and remove the label. Let it dry completely, for at least an hour.

2) Message

Cut a piece of paper to fit inside the bottle. Then let your child create their message.

For Kindergarteners

- Ask them to draw a picture, and then write a few words underneath to explain their drawing
- Encourage your child to use beginning and ending sound when writing words.

First & Second Graders

- They can write a message to a family member or friend. If your child is hesitant about writing, have them share what they want to write out loud and you can write the message for them.
- They could write about a favorite toy, animal, or activity they love to do

3) Putting Message in Bottle

Roll up the paper as tightly as possible and secure with a small piece of tape. Wrap a colorful string or ribbon around it for decoration. Place the message inside the bottle and close tightly.

Extension Ideas

1. Add Art

Decorate the outside of the bottle with stickers, shells or glitter glue

2. Create a Message Series

Have your child make a new message each week! Encourage them to write down one fun activity or special moment from the week. They can keep the message in a jar or box instead of a bottle and share with a family member or friend at the end of the month.