Caps For Sale
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1. Run copies on cardstock (index paper or tagboard).

2. Color pieces with markers, color pencils (may not be as bright), pastels, or paint, (crayons may melt when laminated).

3. When putting two large pieces together, use a glue stick to prevent pieces from wrinkling when laminating.

4. Laminate story objects. You may cut pieces before or after laminating.

5. Attach Velcro dots or pieces to back of each object.

Tip: Make an outline story card to use when telling the story.

Remember patterns are not to be used for children's art projects!

Patterns may be use for teacher made puppets which children can use for story retelling. Patterns may be enlarged if preferred.

Suggested Activities:

1. Dramatize the story using cloth caps, or pretend caps made of felt circles.
2. Provide a box of hats and caps. Encourage a child to walk around the room balancing a stack on his/her head.
3. Play a game: "Follow the leader", Monkey see, monkey do" or "Do what I do!" Let the children take turns being the leader.
4. With the children compile a list of things of different kinds of hats people wear and when or why they might wear them. For example: a firefighter wears a helmet to protect his/her head or a baseball player wears a hat to keep the sun out of his/her eyes. Let them watch you write.