

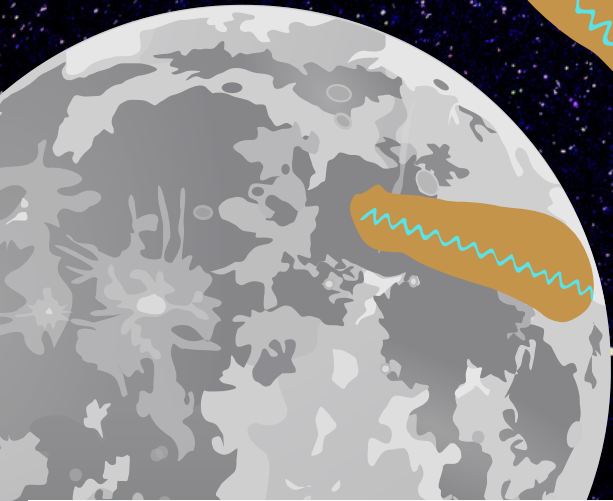
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# The KISSING HAND



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## "The Kissing Hand" Craft







# Supplies



Scissors



Construction Paper



Yarn



Pencil



Hole Puncher



Glue Stick



Googly Eyes



Markers



# Instructions

Begin by discussing the story of "The Kissing Hand" with the children. Talk about the comforting message and the importance of love and reassurance.

Give your child a piece of construction that matches their skin color, which will serve as the base of their kissing hand keepsake.

Have your children trace their own hand onto the paper using a pencil. Or, you can trace their hands for them.

Help the children cut out their handprints carefully.

Have the children use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to decorate the handprint. They can add patterns, designs, or write messages such as "I love you" or "You are special" on the handprint.

Cut out a heart shape from a different color of construction paper or cardstock. This heart will represent the "kissing hand."

On the heart, ask the children to write their names or the names of their loved ones.

Help the children glue the heart onto the palm of their handprint.

Optional: Punch a hole at the top of the handprint and thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through it to create a hanger. This way, the kissing hand can be displayed or hung somewhere special.

Allow the craft to dry completely.







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