

Adventure Cloth, Part 2

Excerpted from “Cruisin’ the Caribbean” workshop
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Fishing in the Caribbean

Using the “water adventure cloth,” insert at least four large fish. Fish can be made of poster paper, or you can purchase large fish at any party store. Fish can be covered with clear contact paper or they can be laminated.

Math-inspired experience:

All the children should be involved in this experience. Everyone will have a role to play. Select two children to catch the fish. Everyone else will hold the water cloth to make the cloth move up and down and make the fish “fly.” As the fish fly out of the water or stay in, the children must catch as many as they can before time runs out. Ask the question, “How many fish did person A catch? How many fish did person B catch? So 2 fish + 2 fish = 4 fish!” This experience can be adjusted to suit any number of fish up to 10.

Emergent literacy vocabulary experience:

Write vocabulary or high frequency words on each laminated fish. You can increase the words as your class vocabulary progresses. Children will read the words on each fish that is caught.