



Mother's Day Activity



In this activity, students will celebrate the special people in their lives! They will make flower vases and paper daisies for anyone of the child's choosing: an aunt, a counselor, a social worker, a family member, or a special gift for Mother's Day.

This activity addresses:

- ✓ Choice making
- ✓ Fine motor skills
- ✓ Alternative methods of access

What you need:

- ✓ Plastic bottle/glass vase/mason jar
- ✓ Paint
- ✓ Construction paper (green, white, yellow, black)
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Hot glue gun
- ✓ QuickTalker FT 12

Preparation:

1. If using a plastic bottle, carefully cut off the threaded top portion of it.
2. Write "I love you because..." somewhere on the vase and make sure to leave room for the student's handprint.
3. Record different options for the students on the QuickTalker FT 12. Some options could be: "you take care of me", "you play with me", "you are funny", etc.
4. Cut petals for the daisies (approximately 1.5-in. ellipses, 45 per vase) using white construction paper.
5. Cut 1-in. circles out of yellow paper (unless you plan to make these using the computer).
6. Create picture symbol overlays using the. AbleNet Symbol Overlay Maker app.

What to do:



Vase

Begin by creating the vase using the milk chug bottle/vase/mason jar. Have students put paint on their hands and make a handprint, or two if there is room, on the vase. Allow to dry.

Flower Centers

- ✓ Take a picture of each student. Assign a camera operator to be in charge of taking each student's picture. Don't forget to take a picture of the camera operator as well!
- ✓ Using the QuickTalker FT 12, allow students to choose 4 phrases for the center of the daisies.
- ✓ Using a computer, resize and print the student's picture in the shape of a circle with a 1-in. diameter. Type the student's chosen phrases and print them into 1-in.

Flower Centers

- ✓ Begin making the flower stems by rolling green construction paper around the pencils. These will need to be long enough to poke out of the vase. Make one longer for the student's picture.
- ✓ On the back of the flower centers, glue 9 petals on each center.
- ✓ Glue the stems to the back of the flower centers. Place the flowers in the vase.
- ✓ Crumple pieces of black construction paper and place your paper "dirt" in the vase.
- ✓ Use a hot glue gun to glue everything in place.

