

# 60th Anniversary of the *Wizard of Oz* Film

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**Description of Program:** We're off to see the Wizard...on the 60th anniversary of the film. Walking the Yellow Brick Road Game, participating in an interactive telling of the story, having your photo taken with Dorothy and Toto, Pinning the Heart on the Tin Man, making Oz character puppets, and snacking on Oz treats are all part of the celebration.

## Stories:

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz A Commemorative Pop-up by L. Frank Baum and Robert Sabuda* : This is a lengthy book to read, but you could shorten it by just showing the fabulous pop-up pages.

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* Interactive version. Read the story that follows and have the audience participate with sound effects.

## Songs & Group Game

**"Yellow Brick Road"** (*Wizard of Oz Soundtrack*) Create a yellow brick road from a large roll of yellow paper, drawing bricks with a marker on the paper. On some of the bricks, place copies of pictures of different characters. Play "Yellow Brick Road" and have children walk the yellow brick road to the music. Stop the music at various points. If a child is on a brick with a character, they receive a prize, such as a *Wizard of Oz* sticker.

*Wizard of Oz* Film: Show key scenes of the film and have the participants sing along to "We're Off to See the Wizard," "Ding Dong the Witch Is Dead," etc.



## Photo with Dorothy and Toto

Purchase a life-sized stand up of Dorothy and Toto (see photo at right; \$39 from [www.creativeexpress.com](http://www.creativeexpress.com)) or have someone dress in a *Wizard of Oz* costume. Take digital photos of all the participants and print copies for them.

## Craft, Game & Activity Stations

The following activities and games can be set up as stations so that children can choose which one to do and how long to stay at each station. A total of 6-8 craft, activity, and game stations works best:

### Games & Activity Stations

**Lollipop Kid's Game** Purchase rainbow swirl lollipops. Mark the bottom of the stick of some of the lollipops with a marker. Stick all the lollipops in a large piece of Styrofoam. Children choose one of the lollipops and receive an additional prize if they pull one with a mark on the stick.

**Wizard of Oz Puzzle:** Purchase a *Wizard of Oz* puzzle for children to play with.

**Wizard of Oz Beanbag Game** Use 5 small buckets decorated with *Wizard of Oz* characters and have the children try to throw a bean bag in each bucket (like Bozo's Bucket game). Give small prizes for each bucket hit.

**Scarecrow Memory Game** Create memory game cards with different *Wizard of Oz* characters and places.

**Pin the heart on the Tin Man:** Make a large drawing of the Tin Man. Have the children close their eyes (or blindfold) and try to put the heart in the correct place on the Tin Man.

**Find the Ruby Slippers** Create red glitter Dorothy shoes. Hide them in the program room or library. The child who finds the most ruby slippers wins a prize.

**Hearts in a Jar:** Fill a jar with heart shaped candies. Children guess how many are in the jar, and the child with the closest guess wins the candy jar.

## Interactive *Wonderful Wizard of Oz*



### Directions

Create a large picture of each of the following characters: Dorothy, Toto, Wicked Witch, Glenda, Emerald City, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion. While one person reads the story below, have one person hold up a picture each time his/her character is read. The audience should be instructed what to say for each character when the picture is held up.

Once upon a time a young girl named Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] lived on a farm in Kansas with her Auntie Em, Uncle Henry, and her dog Toto [*ruff, ruff*]. A Cyclone strikes their home and Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] is knocked out. When she wakes up, Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] and Toto [*ruff, ruff*] discover that their house has fallen on and killed the Wicked Witch of the East [*witch cackle*], who is wearing ruby slippers. Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] and Toto find themselves in Munchkinland. Glenda, the Good Witch of the North [*laugh*] appears and tells Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] her house has killed the Wicked Witch of the East [*witch cackle*]. The Wicked Witch of the West [*witch cackle*], appears and threatens Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] because she has killed her sister. “I’ll get you my pretty and your little dog too!” The magical slippers that the Wicked Witch of the East was wearing appear magically on Dorothy’s [*“There’s no place like home”*] feet. When Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] says that she wants to go home, Glenda the Good Witch [*laugh*] tells Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] that she and Toto [*ruff, ruff*] should follow the yellow brick road to the Emerald City [*We’re off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz*] where the Wizard might help them find their way home.

Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] and Toto [*ruff, ruff*] begin their long trip to the Emerald City [*We’re off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz*]. Along the way they meet the Scarecrow [*If I only had a brain*]. He decides to join them in the hopes that the Wizard can give him a brain. They next meet the Tin Man [*If I only had a heart*] on their way to the Emerald City [*We’re off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz*]. He decides to join them so that the Wizard might help him find a heart. Finally they meet the Cowardly Lion [*roar*] who wants to find courage. He too joins them in their trip to the Emerald City [*We’re off to see the Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz*] because he hopes the Wizard can give him courage.

Along their journey, Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*], Toto [*ruff, ruff*], the Scarecrow [*If I only had a brain*], the Tin Man [*If I only had a heart*], and the Cowardly Lion [*roar*] have many adventures and challenges. Finally they arrive at the Emerald City. Their hopes are soon dashed when they realize that the Wizard is a fraud. Still he is able to help the Scarecrow [*If I only had a brain*] by giving him a diploma to prove that he is smart, the Tin Man [*If I only had a heart*] by giving him a heart, in the form of a heart shaped watch, and the Cowardly Lion [*roar*] by giving him a medal for courage. He is unable to help Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] find her way back to Kansas. Glenda, the Good Witch [*laugh*] appears, and tells Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] to click the heels of her ruby slippers and say where she would like to go. Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] closes her eyes, holds tight to Toto [*ruff, ruff*], clicks her shoes, and says “There’s no place like home, there’s no place like home, there’s no place like home.” When Dorothy [*“There’s no place like home”*] awakens, she finds she is back in Kansas with Auntie Em, Uncle Henry, and all of her friends, who look remarkably like the Scarecrow [*If I only had a brain*], the Tin Man [*If I only had a heart*], and the Cowardly Lion [*roar*] that she met during her Oz adventures.

**The End**

## **Craft Stations**

### **Wizard of Oz Puppets**

**What you will need:** toilet paper roll, scissors, glue, printed templates from the sites below. This craft could also be done by having children color pictures of the characters and then gluing them onto craft sticks to use as finger puppets.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/Crafts/cartoons/mcwardlylion.html>

[Cowardly Lion]

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/Crafts/cartoons/mdorothy.html>

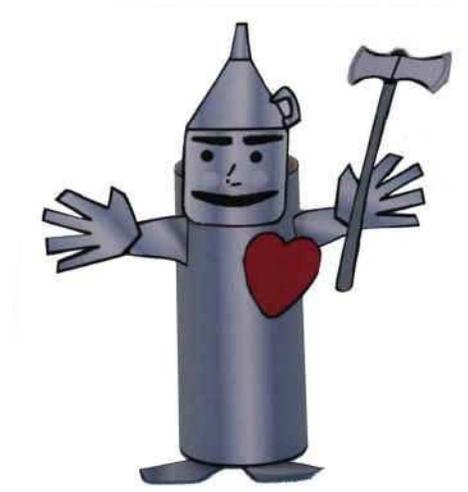
[Dorothy]

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/cartoons/mscarecrow.html>

[Scarecrow]

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/Crafts/cartoons/mtinman.html>

[Tinman]



**Coloring Pages & games:** Print out different Wizard of Oz characters for children to color. Also available is a maze.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/cartoons/oz-coloring.html> [coloring pages]

<http://familycrafts.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://thewizardofoz.warnerbros.com/cmp/maze.htm> [maze]

**Snacks:** Birthday cupcakes with rainbow sprinkles, Munchkins donut holes, green punch/juice.

**Treat Bags:** Make Dorothy baskets from die cuts or a basket pattern or purchase small baskets. Fill the basket with foil covered chocolate hearts, *Wizard of Oz* stickers, Glenda bubbles, *Wizard of Oz* bookmarks, etc.

### **Online Sources of Ideas**

Party Ideas [www.birthdaypartyideas.com](http://www.birthdaypartyideas.com)

Mom's party theme ideas, games, etc. [www.amazingmoms.com](http://www.amazingmoms.com)

**Sources of Party Goods:** A variety of materials based on the *Wizard of Oz* Characters, including coloring and activity books, party dishes, treat bags, stickers, tattoos, and party hats, can be purchased from the following:

Oriental Trading [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)

Party Products [www.partyproducts.com](http://www.partyproducts.com)

Celebration Express [www.celebrateexpress.com](http://www.celebrateexpress.com)

Dover Publications <http://www.doverpublications.com>

**Other:** Create nametags with pictures of the *Wizard of Oz* characters.

**More information or questions?**

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