

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

45th Anniversary Celebration

Description of Program: Celebrate the 45th anniversary of the publication of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* with games, crafts, activities, and CHOCOLATE!

Stories:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by **Roald Dahl**: Choose a favorite passage or chapter to read to the group. Create an interactive version of the story with audience participation.

Songs & Group Game

(Sound track of the film *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* or *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*). Pass a chocolate bar around to the music. When the music stops, the child with the candy bar receives a mini candy bar and is out of the game. The last child left receives a large candy bar or bag of candy.

Photo with Willy Wonka

Purchase a Willy Wonka costume. (see photo at right; \$34.99 from <http://www.costumzee.com/tag/charlie+and+the+chocolate+factory/>) and have someone dress in the costume or buy a child's size costume and let the children wear it. 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:

Wonka Candy Factory Purchase a variety of items that can be dipped in chocolate (marshmallows, pretzels, strawberries, cookies, etc.) Melt chocolate in the microwave and let children dip their choices in chocolate. A variety of candy sprinkles can be used to top the chocolate dipped items. Also, cut paper in the size of chocolate bar wrappers and let children design their own wrapper and candy name.

Beanbag Game Use 5 small buckets decorated with *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* 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.

Lollipop Game Purchase 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.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Puzzle Purchase a *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* puzzle or make your own from a poster.

Pin the hat on Willy Wonka Make a large drawing of Willy Wonka (or purchase a poster) and a hat to fit. Have the children close their eyes (or blindfold) and try to put the hat on Willy's head.

Find the Golden Ticket Create golden tickets out of gold foil paper. Hide them in the program room or library. The child who finds the most golden tickets wins a prize (giant candy bar or bag of candy).

Candy in a Jar: Fill a jar with a variety of candies. Children guess how many are in the jar, and the child with the closest guess wins the candy jar.

Candy Tasting Provide a variety of different candies, without wrappers, cut into small pieces. Place each different kind on a numbered plate. Give the children a matching sheet with names of the candy and plate numbers and see how many the children can identify.

Word Search http://www.wordsearchfun.com/75124_willy_wonka_wordsearch.html

Connect the Dots: http://www2.warnerbros.com/willywonka/connect_pop.html

Craft Stations:

Candy Necklaces

Provide a variety of candies that can be strung on yarn or licorice strings to create a candy necklace. Suggestions: marshmallows, gummi bears, gum drops, etc.

Willy Wonka Puppet

What you will need: toilet paper roll, scissors, glue, printed templates from the site 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/chocolatefactory/mwonka.htm>

Coloring Pages & games: Print out different coloring pages of Willy Wonka and other *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* characters.

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/charlie_and_the_chocolate_factory.htm

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/cartoons/chocolatefactory/posters.htm>



Snacks: If you want to provide additional snacks, after all the candy activities, you could have cupcakes with candy toppings.

Online Sources of Ideas

Roald Dahl Fan Web site <http://www.roalddahlfans.com/index.php>

Party ideas

<http://www.kids-birthday-party-guide.com/willy-wonka-birthday-party.html>

www.birthdaypartyideas.com

Sources of Party Goods

Willy Wonka Candy www.retrocandyonline.com/wonkacandy.html

Party Products www.partyproducts.com

Celebration Express www.celebrateexpress.com

Oriental Trading www.orientaltrading.com

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