

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

# **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**



#### **Relevance of Traditional Games**

**Traditional children's games** (also called folk games) are those that are played informally with minimal equipment from which children learn, by example, from other children, and which can be played without reference to written rules. These games are naturally multi-modal and multi-sensory, and catering to more than one skillset. Being an integral part of every culture and having been around for centuries, folk games do not require any expensive props and almost everyone can play them regardless of age or gender. These games have a way of seamlessly aiding in physical growth and development, social, emotional as well as sensory motor development, communication skills, problem-solving capabilities, skills for building understanding and processing concepts. Additional skills include executive functions, perceptual readiness for learning, listening, reading and writing as well as several other life skills, such as social skills.

Traditional children's games do not include commercial products such as board games, but include games that may require props, for example hopscotch or marbles. Traditional games have also evolved over time into new versions.





**Remote Learning** 

Remote Learning	
Time	Activity
9:00 - 9:30	<b>Personal Awareness</b> Preparation for the day
9:30 - 10:00	<b>Circle Time (Online)</b> Discussion about values: Reading stories
10:00 - 10:15	Individual Activity (Online)
10:15 - 10:30	Fruit Time
10:30 - 11:00	Outdoor Play
11:00 - 11:30	Stories/Rhymes
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Lunch Prep</b> Lunch Break & Clean up
12:30 - 12:45	<b>Recall</b> - Discussions based on the day's activities

**Marble Pitch** 

- Draw a ring on the ground outdoor

- Place five to ten marbles in the

- The child will kneel outside the

ring and flick a shooter marble out of his/her fist with his/her thumb,

trying to hit as many marbles out of

centre of the ring

## Activities for three (3) and four (4) year old—PART 1

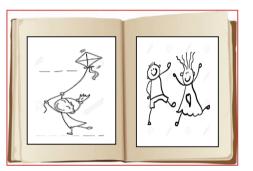
#### Monday Interview on Traditional Games



- Using pictures or a video introduce the traditional game of marble pitch

- Encourage the child to ask/interview an elderly family member about their childhood and the games he/she played

#### Tuesday My Book of Traditional Games



- Engage the child in a discussion based on the previous day's interview activity

- Allow the child to draw or cut out pictures of traditional games (cricket, marble pitch,

hopscotch, jump rope) from the interview

- Use the pictures and drawings to make a book to share with relatives

#### Wednesday Simon Says Costume Prop

Use an old hat or create one using recycled materials
Simon, the leader, will wear the hat to call out

- Simon will stand in front of the group and tell players

- Simon will stand in front of the group and tell players what they must do

- The players must only obey commands that begin with the words "Simon Says"

Simon says, jump

Always follow the command

after the phrase 'Simon says'

or you get eliminated.



**Physical Activity** 



#### In the River on the Bank

Physical Activity

- Draw a line on the floor

- An adult/older sibling will call out the instructions: "**In the River**" or "**On the Bank**"

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- The child will jump in front of the line or jump back behind it when the instructions are called

- The child must jump with both feet at the same time and land without falling

#### Blind Man Bluff

-This game is a variation of the game Tag - Play this in an area safe from

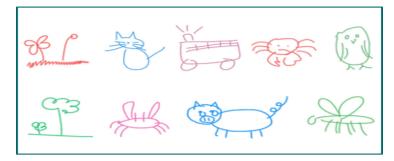
- Play this in an area safe from obstructions and other hazards -The person who is "it" wears a blindfold and tries to tag the other players

through Play



### Activities for three (3) and four (4) year old—PART 2

#### Thursday Pictionary



- An adult or older sibling will begin the game by drawing parts of an image from one of the categories: **fruits**, **animals**, **things** 

- The person drawing must give hints/clues to the child and allow him/her to guess what is being drawn

- If the child guesses correctly, he/she will then get a turn to draw a picture

Friday Let us Make Sucker-Bags

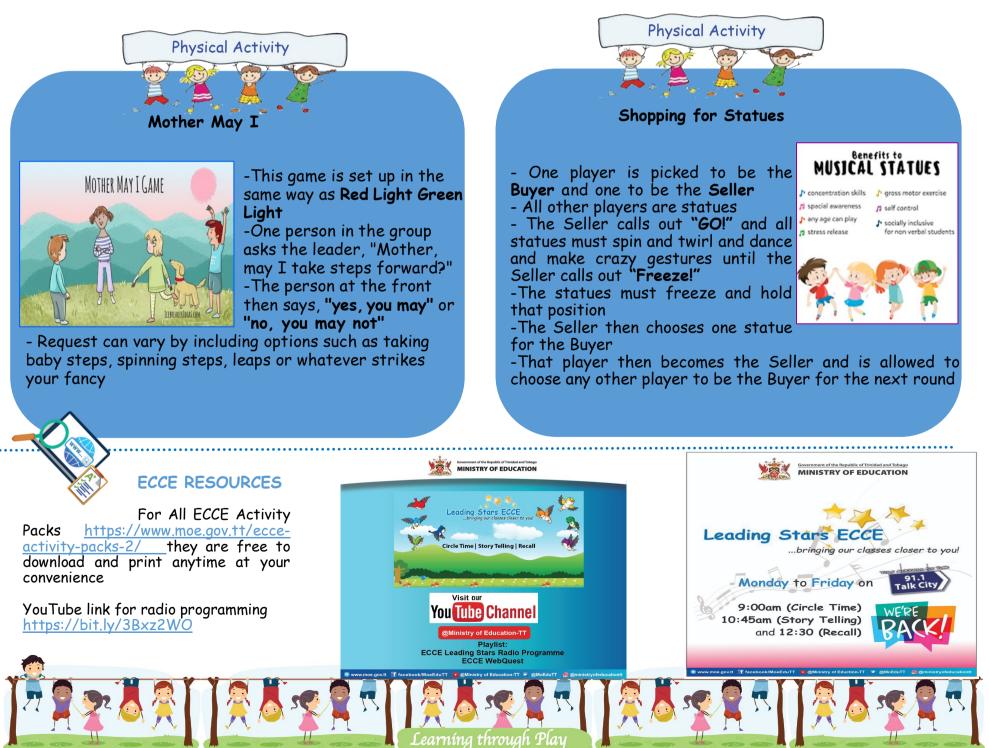


Use the ingredients to make this traditional homemade frozen snack
Pour the mixed drink into small transparent plastic bags, tying the bags to seal, and

freeze - Consume by sucking through a small

hole bitten in one corner of the bag

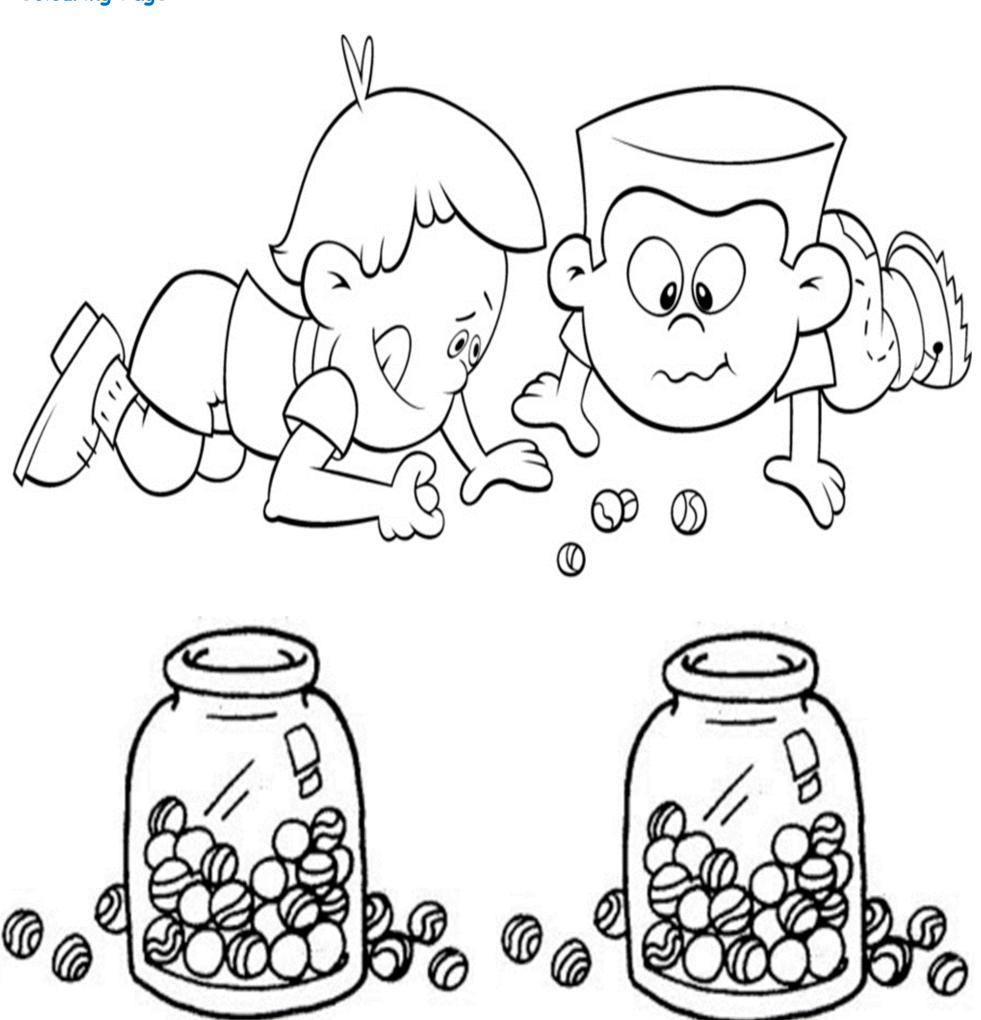




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### **Colouring Page**



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