

# Wiggly Worm Wonders!

## Materials Needed:

- Brown and green construction paper
- Pink or brown yarn
- Child-safe scissors
- Glue stick
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Magnifying glass
- A clear container with damp soil and a few live earthworms (optional, but highly recommended - supervise closely!) OR pictures/videos of worms
- A storybook about worms (e.g., "Diary of a Worm" by Doreen Cronin or "Wiggling Worms at Work" by Wendy Pfeffer)
- Spray bottle with water (if using live worms)

## Lesson Activities:

### 1. Introduction: Worm Wiggles & Wonder (5-10 minutes)

- Start by asking: "Have you ever seen a worm? What did it look like? Where was it?"
- Read a fun storybook about worms together. Talk about the pictures.

### 2. Meet the Worms! (10-15 minutes)

- **If using live worms:** Gently place the container where the student can observe. Give them the magnifying glass. Ask: "What do you see? Do they have legs? Eyes? How do they move?" Lightly spray the soil with water if it looks dry, explaining worms like damp places. Emphasize gentle observation.
- **If using pictures/videos:** Look closely at the worms. Use the magnifying glass on the pictures. Ask the same observation questions. Discuss where worms live (in the dirt!).
- Talk simply about how worms help: "Worms are like nature's recyclers! They eat tiny bits in the dirt and wiggle through it, which makes the soil healthy for plants to grow."

### 3. Wiggle Worm Craft (10-15 minutes)

- Give the student a piece of brown or green construction paper.
- Help them cut short pieces of pink or brown yarn (pre-cut some if needed).
- Show them how to squeeze glue onto the paper in a wiggly line, like a worm trail.
- Have them stick the yarn pieces onto the glue line to make a worm.
- They can add googly eyes if desired.
- Talk about the worm craft while working: "Look at your long, wiggly worm!"

### 4. Worm Dance! (5 minutes)

- Let's pretend to be worms! Lie on the floor and wiggle around like a worm moving through the dirt. Make it fun!

### 5. Wrap-up & Review (5 minutes)

- Show off the worm craft!
- Ask recap questions: "What did we learn about worms today? (They are long, wiggly, no legs). Where do worms live? (In the dirt!). What good thing do worms do? (They help make healthy soil!)."
- Praise their curiosity and participation.