



# Family Activity Kit #4: Magical Creatures

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## **SING:** "Puff the Magic Dragon"

Sing the chorus of this beloved folk song together, then try listening to the full version:

*Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea  
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honali  
Puff the magic dragon lived by the sea  
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honali!*

**Find it on Youtube:** "Puff the Magic Dragon - Peter, Paul & Mary"

## **TALK:** Hiding Gnome Game

Cut out the house and gnome pictures included in this kit. Have your child color each house a different color. The gnome can be any color! Have your child close their eyes while you hide the gnome under one of the houses. Explain that you want the gnome to come out and play but he is shy and is hiding. Now your child has to find him. Ask: "Which house should we look under first?" Encourage your child to describe the house rather than just pointing (i.e. "the green house," "the house with polka dots") Continue guessing houses until the gnome is found!

## **READ:** Go wild with one of our stories about **Monsters and Magical Creatures!**

- Dragons by Ashley Gish (E 398.2 GIS)
- Mermaids by Ashley Gish (E 398.2 GIS)
- Unicorns by Ashley Gish (E 398.2 GIS)
- The Elves and the Shoemaker by Jim LaMarche (E 398.2 LAM)
- Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin (E RUB)
- Love Monster by Rachel Bright (E BRI)
- Monster Boogie by Laurie Berkner (E BER)
- The Monster Who Ate My Peas by Danny Schnitzlein (E SCH)
- The Somethingosaur by Tony Mitton (E MIT)
- Tickle Monster by Josie Bissett (E BIS)
- Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great by Bob Shea (E SHE)
- Unicorn is Maybe Not So Great After All by Bob Shea (E SHE)
- Leonardo The Terrible Monster by Mo Willems (E WIL)
- Puff the Magic Dragon by Peter Yarrow (E YAR)



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## **WRITE:** Play-Doh Monster

Make your own magical creatures with this open-ended fine-motor activity.

### **You will need:**

- Tub of play-doh (included)
- Googly eyes (included)
- Pipe cleaners (included)
- Child-safe scissors
- Miscellaneous craft supplies (optional)



**Step 1:** Set out the play-doh, pipe cleaners and googly eyes for your child. If appropriate, provide a pair of child-safe scissors so your child can cut the pipe cleaners into smaller pieces (or let them know you can help with this!) You may wish to supplement with additional craft supplies, such as buttons, felt, clothespins, plastic utensils, etc.

**Step 2:** Challenge your child to create their very own monster or magical creature. Then step back and let them create! When your child is ready, ask some questions about their creation. ("What is your friend's name? Where does she live? Are these arms? Etc.) Then challenge them to make something new!

## **PLAY:** Magical Creature Gross Motor Game

Have fun moving your body like different magical creatures. Feel free to add your own actions.

Can you...      ...Flutter like a Fairy?  
                         ..Breathe Fire like a Dragon?  
                         ...Gallop like a Unicorn?  
                         ...Stomp like a Giant?  
                         ...Swim like a Mermaid?

## **Summer Readers: Earn a Bonus Ticket!**

Do one of the following and **check in at the circulation desk** on or before **Saturday August 8:**

- Share a picture of your play-doh creature on Facebook or Instagram and tag Salmon Public Library
- Email a picture of your play-doh creature to salmonlibrary1@gmail.com
- Bring in your play-doh creature for us to snap a photo!