



April is National Kite Month – Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Remember the chorus from In the movie, [Mary Poppins](#)?

Oh, oh, oh! - Let's go fly a kite—Up to the highest height - Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring—Up through the atmosphere—Up where the air is clear—Oh, let's go fly a kite!

What are your kite-flying memories? If you've never flown a kite, NOW is a good time to give it a try – or to enjoy watching others fly them! It's also a fun opportunity to make memories with your grandchildren or children in your neighborhood. Below are ideas & conversations when they visit.

Watch the classic Disney movie, *Mary Poppins*. With the help of Mr. Banks, a carefree chimney sweep, the spirited nanny turns every chore for 2 mischievous children into a game and turns every day into a “Jolly Holiday.”

Sing “Let's Go Fly a Kite” as you assemble your kite. **Notice** the *kite spine*—the wooden part holding the canvas in place. In a diamond kite, it is shaped like a cross! Similarity, if you are the canvas and Jesus is the cross, then attaching yourself to Him shows your trust in Him to hold you together! Proverbs 3:5-6.

Keep the kite light and free from weighted objects so it can soar. Likewise, we can't soar when we are weighed down with burdens. Matthew 11:28-30

Avoid trees and power lines that will entangle your kite. Likewise, avoid the power lines of fleshly desires that will entangle your faith journey. Galatians 5:19-22, Romans 16:17

Wait for the wind to do its work instead of running tirelessly making your own wind. Experience the wind's power to lift your kite and soar as you let out more string. Similarly, when we wait for the wind of the Holy Spirit to lead and uplift our faith journey, we have the opportunity to let out more string and depend on His power which enables us to soar like eagles! Isaiah 40:30-31.

Enjoy the peace and the power of the wind as you watch your kite soar. Those watching will enjoy its beauty as well. And may God get the glory as people witness the peace and joy we have in Christ as we stay connected to Him and rely on His Holy Spirit to soar in us and through us each day.

MARY POPPINS TRIVIA

Who played Mary Poppins in its classic movie? _____

What was the shape of the Mary Poppin's umbrella handle? _____

Spell the famous mouthful of 34 nonsensical syllables that Mary Poppins used as "something to say when you have nothing to say." _____

Fill in the blanks of these 4 popular Mary Poppin quotes:

"Mary Poppins practically _____ in every way!" (when measuring with her personality tape measurer)

"A spoonful of _____ helps the medicine go down."

"First of all, I would like to make one thing clear: I never _____ anything."

"In every job that must be done there is an element of _____. You find the _____ and snap, the job's a game!"

ANSWERS: Julie Andrews, parrot-head shape, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, perfect, sugar, explain, fun/tun

DO YOU SING IN THE RAIN?

April showers bring May flowers! Umbrellas spread their arms wide to provide shelter from the rain for those who choose to take cover. Some may choose to just stay indoors, yet adventurous children enjoy getting wet and even splashing through the puddles. Why is it that as we age, we don't like to be out in the rain? Perhaps it will mess up our hair or we just don't like to get wet and have to go in and change our clothes. But when that child inside of us comes out, can you *imagine* slowly inhaling the fresh fragrance of a gentle rain shower and singing and dancing to the popular Gene Kelly song, "Singing in the Rain?"

I'm singing in the rain – Just singing in the rain

What a glorious feelin' – I'm happy again...

I walk down the lane – with a happy refrain

Just singin', - Singin' in the rain.

The next time you hear thunder or hear the pitter-patter on your window, or hear the health report, or hear cranky people living the monotony of everyday life, choose to remember that *life is not all about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.*

Instructions for the Kite Blessing Gift

SUPPLIES:

Kites from Dollar Tree

Copies of “Let’s Go Fly a Kite” devotional

Door hangar bags (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fold the devotional to the size of the kite and either tape to the kite or place them both in a door hangar bag.

