The project on the next page goes along with the book Sam and Dave Dig a Hole written by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen.

If you don’t have this book, click here to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling’s Education Staff!

In this story, two friends start digging a hole and looking for something spectacular. Throughout the journey, the reader can see that the boys just keep missing the incredible surprises hidden in the ground around them.

For the activity on the next page, we are excavating our own spectacular somethings out of blocks of ice!

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This project was inspired by all of the spectacular things that you can find here at The Ringling! The Ringling, the State Art Museum of Florida, is home to one of the preeminent art and cultural collections in the United States. We are in a unique situation where we have a vast collection of circus memorabilia and costumes, a historic home, and a museum featuring art from around the world all on the same campus!

STANDARDS:
- LAFS.K.RL.1.3
- LAFS.K.RF.4.4
- VA.K.S.1.1

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**ACTIVITY**
SAM AND DAVE DIG A HOLE

**MATERIALS:**
CUPS, WATER, CLEAR CRYSTALS (OR ANY TOY), SPILL-PROOF CONTAINERS, PAINTBRUSHES, HOT WATER, SALT

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**
SIMPLE

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. First decide what toys you want to “hide” in the ice.

2. Place those in a cup and fill with water.

3. Place in the freezer until frozen.

4. Once frozen, take the cup out of the freezer and remove the giant ice cube from the cup. Using a paintbrush and hot water, melt the ice until you reveal what is hidden inside. You can also pour salt on the ice to help it dissolve even faster!

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!**

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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