



INTRODUCTION AND PARTY INVITATIONS

The Wiggles[®] are an extremely popular band that very young children love. Who wouldn't? With all of the movement, wiggly fun, songs, and more, this is a great party theme for the youngest children. Take inspiration not only from *The Wiggles* themselves, but also their friends: *Dorothy the Dinosaur*, *Captain Feathersword*, *Wags the Dog*, and *Henry the Octopus*.

Please note that all of these ideas are intended as a guide for adults. All activities and games must be supervised by an adult.

Send **Musical Note Invitations**. Cut out various musical notes from construction cardstock, using *The Wiggles* colors (red, blue, yellow and purple), and place your party details on one side of the invitation and have your birthday child decorate the other side.

Use *The Wiggles* thematic language on your invitation:

*The Wiggles present (your child's name) Birthday Party!
We'll have a Hoop Dee Doo time at (birthday child's name) Wiggly Party!
Wiggle your way to (your child's name) birthday celebration!*

Create a **character invitation** like *Dorothy the Dinosaur*. Using foam shape cutouts, attach them in the shape of Dorothy's head, including googly eyes and a silk rose in her hat, onto the front of a card. Inside the card, provide all of the party details.

DECORATIONS

The Wiggles colors are red, yellow, purple, and blue. Hang plenty of streamers and balloons all over the party area. Make large music notes in an array of colors and hang them from the ceiling and walls with fish wire.

Download and print images of *The Wiggles* and their friends from *The Wiggles* website. Enlarge and laminate them and place them around the party area.



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Using large construction paper, make a floral door and tape it to your front door to greet your guests when they arrive.

Mount a banner that says "Welcome to ____ Wiggly Birthday Party!"

To create *Henry's Underwater World*, create a mural with fish made from paper plates. For your party table, use bright primary *The Wiggles* colors for the tablecloth, plates, napkins, cups, and plastic ware. Alternatively, you can buy these items from *The Wiggles* website.

Create a *Henry the Octopus* centerpiece with a balloon and poster board. Cut out an eight-legged star shape from poster board and make a small hole in the middle. Tie a knot in your balloon, place it through the hole, and tape it to the board. Use a permanent marker to make a face on the balloon and top with a *boater hat* similar to Henry's to place on the balloon.

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES (ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED)

Given that this party is for very young children, please keep the following suggestions in mind:

Please ensure children always use safety scissors.

Try to avoid the concept of winners and losers.

Keep it simple. A few of the suggested activities below will be plenty.

While the children wait for everyone to arrive, have a few simple crafts available to make to keep them occupied.

Make a Wiggly Party Hat!

What you will need:

- Cardboard
- Safety scissors
- Glue or staples
- Colored pens or pencils
- Length of fine elastic

Cut out a cone-shaped piece of cardboard and decorate it using colored pens or pencils. Glue or staple the sides of the cardboard together, trim as you like and attach a fine piece of elastic to go under the child's chin to help keep it on.

Make an Octopus



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What you will need:

- 1 Balloon
- Newspaper
- Glue or sticky tape
- Paint or marking pens

Partially inflate a balloon (about three-quarters full). Glue or tape EIGHT strips of newspaper onto the balloon. Paint or use a marking pen to make two eyes and a mouth on the balloon and your octopus is ready!

Set up activity centers based on *The Wiggles* characters and plan activities at each station.

Let's Play Wake Up Jeff. (This game can be played with a small number of children.)

You will need:

- 1 Pillow
- 1 Blanket

Instructions:

Choose one child to be "Jeff," and the other children sit in a circle on the floor.

"Jeff" lies down with a pillow and a blanket and closes his/her eyes.

All the children call out, "One, two, three!" and the adult points to one child in the circle who says, "Wake up, Jeff!"

"Jeff" then "wakes up" and has to guess which child shouted "Wake up, Jeff!" Another child then has a turn at being "Jeff."

Music with Murray. Have the children make their own maracas using paper plates stapled together with beans inside. Decorate the outside with *The Wiggles* logo using craft supplies. This is a great take-home goody.

Anthony's Workshop. Have Play-Doh® available in all four of *The Wiggles* colors (red, blue, yellow and purple) for the children to play with.

Be a Wiggle. Set up a karaoke machine with a variety of instruments for the children to perform with. Paint a red curtain on poster paper and hang *The Wiggles* logo in the middle of it. Have the children perform in front of the curtain (which makes a great picture-taking area) either together or as soloists.



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Captain's Beach. Fill a sandbox to the brim with sand and hide tons of gold coins, necklaces, telescopes, and rings that the children must find in a treasure dig. (Please ensure that no items are a choking hazard for the age group of the party.)

Play all of your favorite party games, but put *The Wiggles* twist on them:

Play **Hot Potato** using a brown paper bag stuffed with paper that the children have to pass between each other.

Play **Wiggly Musical Chairs** with any of *The Wiggles* music.

Play **Pin the Rose on Dorothy's Cap** game just like *Pin the Tail on the Donkey*.

Dorothy's Garden. Decorate this area with tissue paper flowers and set up picnic blankets or your party table for the children to enjoy their party menu.

PARTY MENU

Anthony's Fruit Fancies. Thread pieces of fruit and marshmallows on Popsicle® sticks. Serve on a platter with small wedges of watermelon around the outside.

Henry the Octopus and Seaweed. Use hot dogs and cut an "X" on the ends creating four octopus legs on both sides. Serve them on a platter of seaweed: 1) green spinach linguine, 2) celery sticks cut with an "X" on ends then soak in cold water so they curl.

Wags the Dog Sandwiches. Using dog-bone cookie cutters, make bone-shaped sandwiches prepared with various favorite fillings.

Pup-Cakes. Bake cupcakes and frost them with *The Wiggles* theme colors. Add edible decorations such as M&M'S®, chocolate chips, and other small candies to make the pups.

Dorothy's Jell-O® Eggs: Cut off the top of an egg, pour it out, and rinse the shell. Insert a small gummy dinosaur into each shell. Mix Jell-O® and pour into the eggshells. Refrigerate the filled eggs and enjoy during the party.

Fruit Stars. Cut small fruits into star shapes and place them into small cups for easy serving.

Make Rosy Pea Tea. Mix frozen orange juice, frozen lemonade, water, and a dash of raspberry cordial.

PARTY FAVORS

These need to be age appropriate so they do not pose a choking hazard!



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Create a *Make and Take* paper bag with *The Wiggles* logo on the front and the guests' Wiggle name (example: John Wiggle) printed on the bag. Fill the bag with any inexpensive, creative items you like. Some ideas include:

- Bubbles
- Bouncy balls
- Small instruments
- The Wiggles* stickers, notebook, pencil, cup, and straw
- Coloring sheet and small box of crayons
- Play-Doh®

Again, ensure that the items in the bag are appropriate for the age group and do not pose a potential choking hazard.

Send a musical note thank you and attach a picture from *The Wiggles* stage area from your party – a perfect memory for your party guests.



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