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SILLY GORILLY'S AND THE SCIENCE OF SPINNING PRIMATES ACTIVITY GUIDE

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CRAFT: PENNY SPINNERS

These penny spinners are fun to play with and easy to make!

Materials:

- Cardboard, cardstock or a paper plate
- Cup or small bowl (3"-4.5" in diameter)
- Scissors
- Markers (optional)
- Penny

Wow-To:

Step 1: Use the cup or bowl as a circle template by tracing around the outside of the cup on your cardboard to make a circle.

Step 2: Cut the circle out and then decorate it.

Step 3: Cut a slit in the center of the decorated circle that is just slightly smaller than a penny.

Step 4: Push the penny through the slit.

Step 5: Holding the penny between your fingers, spin the penny spinner on a flat surface. Wow!

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WOWING ME NOW:

While listening to this episode, what made you say, "Wow!"?
Draw a picture of what is wowing you now.

SILLY GORILLY'S BOOKLIST

Let your curiosity lead you to a local library or bookstore to explore these titles.

[One Gorilla: A Counting Book](#), by Anthony Browne (Birth - 4). Count to ten with expressively illustrated watercolor primates. Nonfiction.

[Peculiar Primates: Fun Facts about These Curious Creatures](#), by Claire Powell & Debra Kempf Shumaker (4-8). Minimal text and lively illustrations showcase primate behaviors including chest-thumping, howling, and nest building. Nonfiction.

[Thank You, Primates \(Animals We Can't Live Without\)](#), by Emma Huddleston (6-9). Learn how primates play a critical role in the food web and make a surprisingly positive environmental impact on plants. Nonfiction.

[Endangered \(Ape Quartet, Book 1\)](#), by Eliot Schrefer (8-12). A girl who begrudgingly accompanies her researcher mom on a trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo must suddenly protect a bonobo sanctuary when a revolution erupts in the area. Fiction.

[Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas](#), by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks (12+). A graphic novel biography of three of the finest primatologists of the 20th century. Nonfiction.