

The Paper Bag Princess Story & Craft

Elizabeth is a beautiful princess who wears fancy clothes and is about to marry Prince Ronald, when a dragon destroys her clothes and her castle and carries off Prince Ronald. Wearing a paper bag, Elizabeth finds the dragon and outwits him to save Ronald. But Ronald is ungrateful and tells her to "come back when you are dressed like a real princess." Read Robert Munsch's The Paper Bag Princess to find out how Elizabeth outsmarts the dragon AND lives happily ever after – without Prince Ronald – and make your own Paper Bag Princess puppet.

What You'll Need:

- *The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
- *Paper bag
- *Princess template below (or paper to make your own)
- *Crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.
- *Glue
- *Scissors

Preparation:

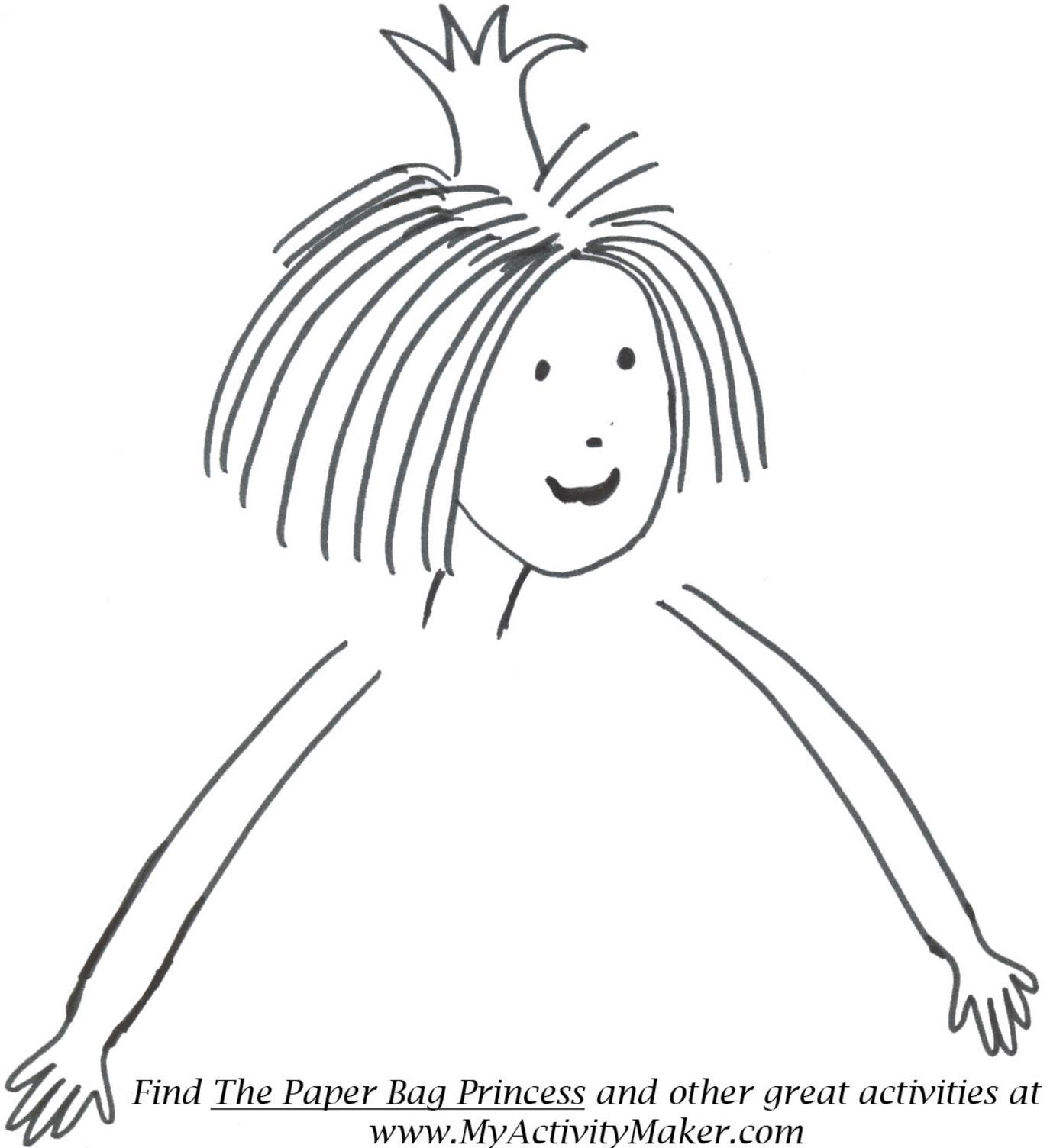
- *Print one copy of the Princess template (either MS Word OR PDF) per child.

Activity:

- *Read The Paper Bag Princess out loud.
- *Discuss with your children the importance of being kind to others and being appreciative of what others do for you. How would you outsmart the dragon if you were Elizabeth? How would you react to Elizabeth saving you if you were Ronald? Talk about the different ways this story could have ended. Which way do you prefer?
- *Color in Elizabeth's head and arms and decorate her paper bag dress. Cut out her head and arms.
- *Hold the paper bag with the bottom facing up to make her dress and glue Elizabeth's head to the bag. Glue her arms to the sides of the bag.
- *Once your puppet is dry, use her to recreate your favorite scenes from the book or create new scenes. Outsmart the dragon in other ways, tell Ronald how hard you worked to save him, etc.

Suggested Resources:

- <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0920236162?ie=UTF8&tag=galifras-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0920236162>>The Paper Bag Princess at Amazon.com
- <http://www.robertmunsch.com/books.cfm?bookid=27> : Robert Munsch's official site where he tells the story behind <u>The Paper Bag Princess</u>. You can also listen to the story here.



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