

# COLUMBUS DAY

## Lesson

Teach your child about Columbus' persistence and bravery, which enabled him to discover the Americas. Teach them that we are here because Columbus had the courage to leave his home and find this land. Show your child a globe, and point out Columbus' home (northern Italy) and the American continents. Explain that the world is round, like a globe, and not flat. Teach your child the names of the ships that sailed with Columbus (Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria).



## Music Time

Sing to tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"  
"Sail, sail, sail three ships,  
Slowly through the sea!  
Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria,  
Count them—one, two, three."

"Land, land, land they saw,  
After many days.  
Hooray, hooray for Columbus,  
The man who found the way!"

Source: [www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us](http://www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us)

## Snack Time

Make celery "boats." Stuff celery sticks with peanut butter and add sails attached to toothpicks. Top with raisins, if desired. Say the names of Columbus' boats as you eat them (Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria)



## Activity & Games

Take your child outside and pretend you are explorers. Point out new things you see, and pretend to discover a new land. Explain more about what explorers do as you participate in this activity with your child.



## Reading Time

- Christopher Columbus, by Mary Dodson Wade
- Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus, by Peter Sis
- Young Christopher Columbus: Discoverer of New Worlds, by Carpenter

