



**Craft**  
**Ages 3–5**  
**15 minutes**

## Monster Athletes

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### Description

Create a popsicle stick monster athlete!

### Space Considerations

Any type of space where kids can be seated to do a craft

### Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Sensory motor skills

### Materials

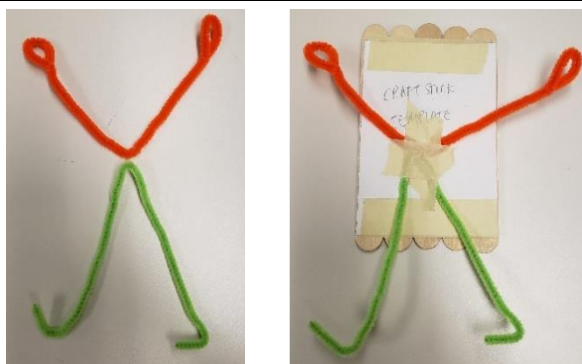
- Monster mouth templates
- 7 popsicle sticks or 5 craft sticks per participant
- Popsicle stick or craft stick templates
- Masking tape
- 3 long pipe cleaners per participant
- Googly eyes (various sizes)
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (adult use only)
- Crayons or pencil crayons
- Paper for drawing
- Extra pipe cleaners

### Preparation

- Print out monster mouth templates and cut them out
- Distribute 7 popsicle sticks (or 5 craft sticks), 3 long pipe cleaners, and an assortment of googly eyes to each participant

- Set out glue sticks, crayons or pencil crayons, a few sheets of the mouth templates, and blank paper

## Implementation

<p>1. Line up 5 craft sticks or 7 popsicle sticks and tape an X on them</p>	<p>2. Cut out craft or popsicle stick template, tape it over the X and flip it over</p>
	
<p>3. Design athlete's face on blank paper or use the templates provided; cut and paste details on the sticks</p>	<p>4. Create hands, arms, legs and feet for your athlete, and fasten them to the back of the figure</p>
	
<p>HOORAY! Your monster athlete is complete! Tell us about your monster athlete by filling out its profile! You can also create sports equipment for your monster athlete using left over craft material!</p>	
	

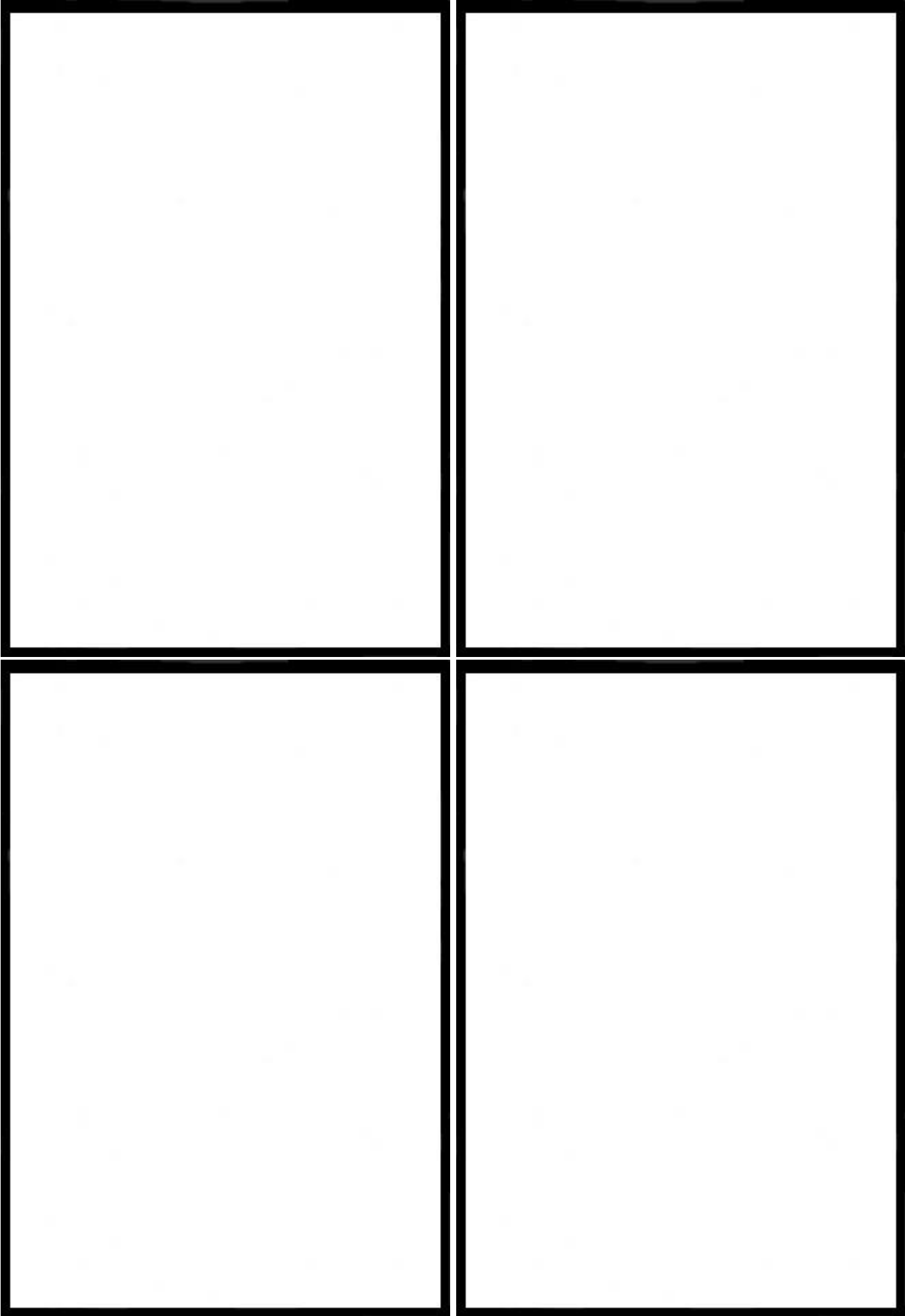
## **Book Suggestions**

*5-Minute Basketball Stories* by Sarah Howden

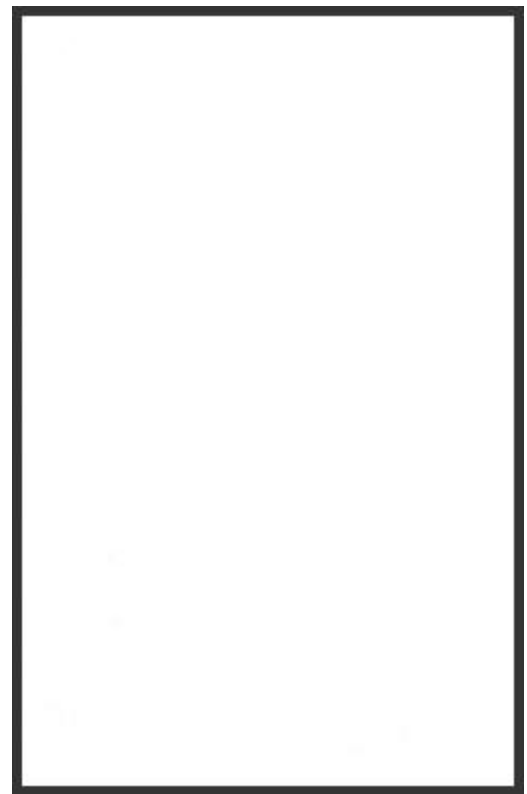
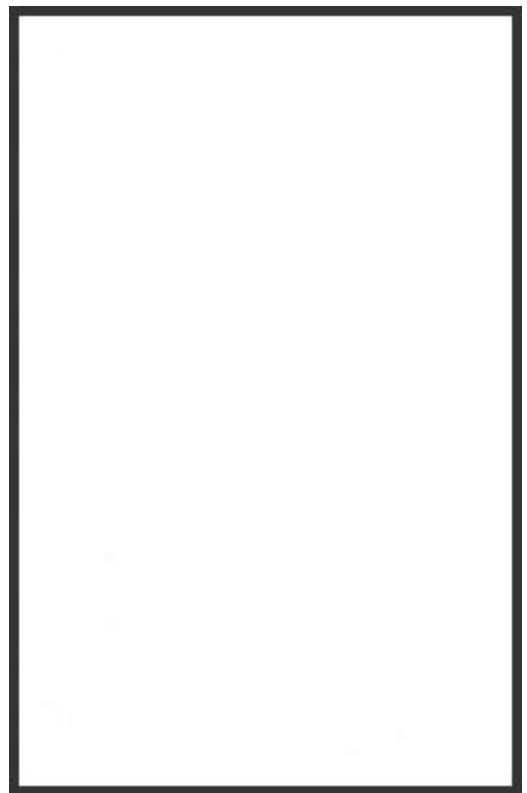
*Lucy Tries Basketball* by Lisa Bowes

## **Images and Templates**





**CRAFT STICK TEMPLATE**



**POPSICLE STICK TEMPLATE**

# MONSTER ATHLETE PROFILE

Monster's name: \_\_\_\_\_

My monster plays this sport:

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My monster is good at: \_\_\_\_\_

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What you need to know about my monster:

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