



# LILY HUCKLEBERRY IN SCANDINAVIA

- TEACHING CURRICULUM -

Here are a few project ideas to help get the creativity and curiosity flowing in your little adventurers! All activities are easily adaptable to the age and size of your class. We would love to see your projects! Tag us on Instagram @lilyhuckleberry or send us an email: [lilyhuckleberry@thislittlestreet.com](mailto:lilyhuckleberry@thislittlestreet.com)

## WRITING

### Fairy Tale Fun

When Lily travels to Copenhagen, many special characters are hidden in the forest. As revealed at the back of the book, these are all Hans Christian Andersen stories. *The Little Mermaid* was also written by Andersen, who lived in Denmark in the 1800's.

**Step 1: Read a story.** Find a copy of the fairy tales and have kids pick one (or more!) story to read (or read out loud to them): *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Snow Queen*, *Thumbelina*, *The Nightingale*, *The Beetle who Went on His Travels*, *The Butterfly*, *The Teapot*, *The Little Mermaid*.

Go back to the picture in the forest and see if they can find their story hidden in the pages.

**Step 2: Write a story.** Have the kids write (or draw) fairy tales of their own, using one character from their Andersen story and one character from Lily Huckleberry to create their unique story.

**Step 3: Act it out.** For extra fun, have kids create plays out of the different stories with costumes and props (PS: We want to see pictures and videos of these performances!)

### Norse Mythology

Look up some of the legends about Thor, who inspired Thorsen of our story, and Bifrost, the rainbow bridge, believed to connect the world of gods and that of humans. Read these to the kids and see what interests them. (Fun fact: Thor uses goats and a chariot to fly in many versions of the myths!)

**Write your own myth:** Have younger kids write or draw a story about Thor and the rainbow bridge from what they learned.





**Family tree:** Have older kids do more research on the gods and make a family tree drawing of the gods and their connections. Who is their favorite character?

## ART LESSON

### Tunnel Time

The secret tunnel to the castle was inspired by the Metro stations in Stockholm, Sweden. Over 150 Swedish artists have contributed to this project since the 1950s. Now it's time for kids to make their own artsy tunnel!

**Research:** Show the kids a few pictures of the real tunnels (search for Stockholm Metro Art).

**Ask kids:** If you could have a secret tunnel from your house to anywhere, what would you pick? Everyone should think of three ideas.

**Draw it:** Have kids draw their favorite idea and remember to experiment with fun colors and patterns.

**Build it:** For a longer project, find some old cardboard boxes, tape, and decorating supplies, and let kids build tunnels in your house or classroom.

## GAME TIME

### Strawberry Hunt

Let the kids recreate Lily's hunt for the strawberries!

**Make Viking helmets:** Print out the Viking helmet attachment and have the kids cut and color their helmets. Search for other Viking inspired costume pieces if you are feeling ambitious.

**Make strawberries:** Print out the strawberries attachment and have kids cut and color them for hiding. Ideally, have enough strawberries for 1/2 the kids in your group to have 3-5 strawberries each.





### Let the Great Hunt Begin:

- Divide kids into Team Viking and Team Huckleberry.
- Team Huckleberry has two minutes to spread the strawberries everywhere around a space defined by the teacher/adult in charge.
- Team Viking then has two minutes to gather as many strawberries as possible. Then Team Viking hides with the strawberries in a tricky places.
- Team Huckleberry then has two minutes to find the Vikings. When a Viking is found, his/her strawberries go to Team Huckleberry.

The winning team that ends up with the most strawberries! Feel free to adjust time to hide/search depending on the children's age. Have them switch teams if they want a rematch. May the best huckleberries win!

## PARTY TIME

### Midsummer party

Midsummer happens at the end of June to celebrate summer solstice... but dont' worry - we won't tell if you have your party any time you want! Some party tips to make it a Midsummer to remember:

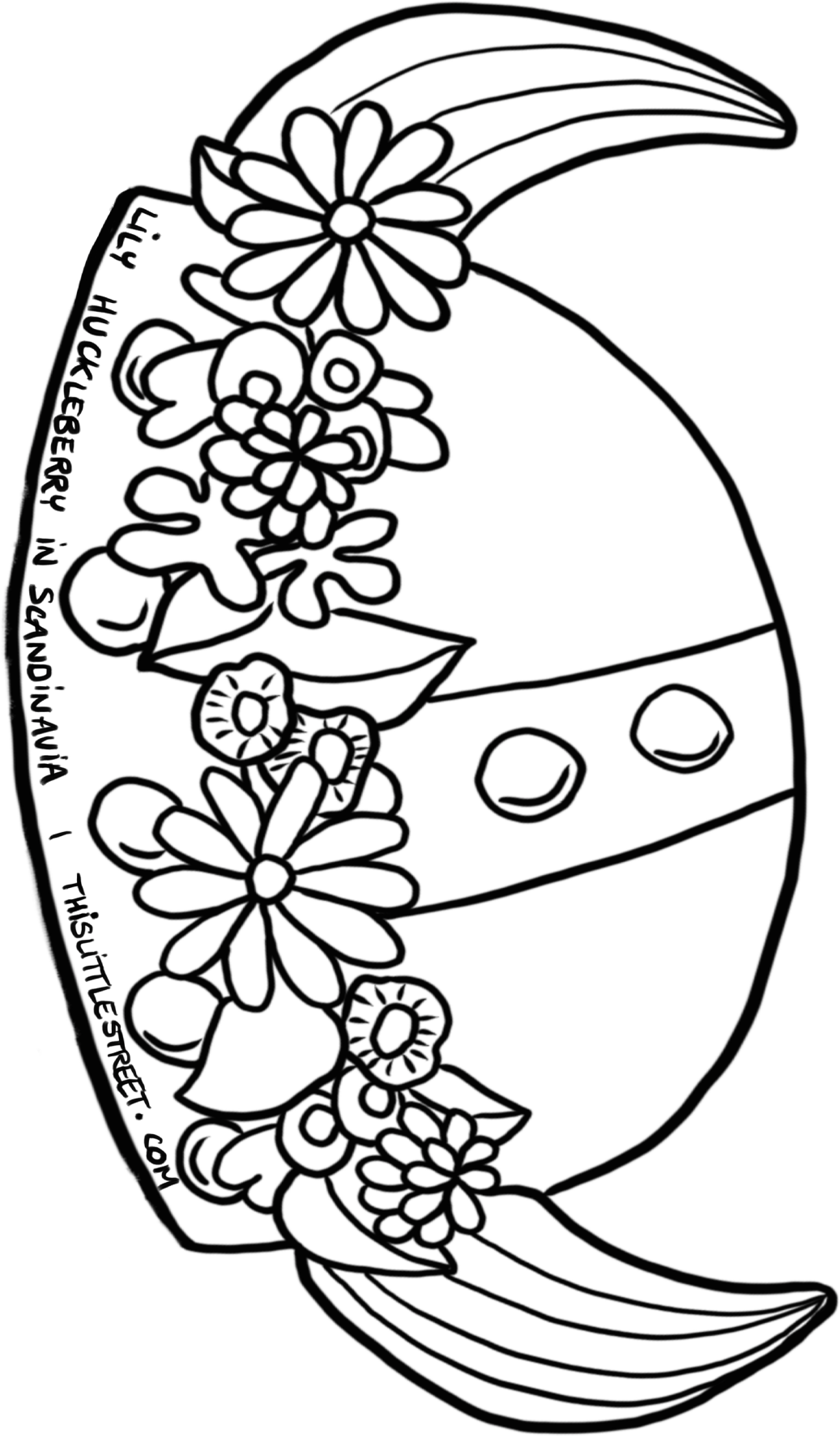
**Bake a strawberry cake:** The typical cake is a vanilla layered cake with whipped cream and strawberries in between the layers. Decorate the cake with chamomile flowers if you can find them. A great recipe: <https://www.greatbritishchefs.com/recipes/swedish-midsummer-cake-recipe>

**Dance around a maypole:** String colorful ribbons from a pole and have everyone dance around the maypole to fun music. A tutorial we like: <http://darlingdarleen.com/2017/04/how-to-make-a-maypole/>

**Make flower crowns:** Use raffia wrapped floral wire to make a base of the crown, and then cut 3" pieces of floral wire (24 gauge) to tie on flowers. Use silk flowers if you want them to last past the party. Add ribbons at the back of the crown if you wish! A tutorial we like: <https://bestfriendsforfrosting.com/diy-spring-flower-crown-tutorial/>

Have a great time!





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