

## Saving Sam the Worm Challenge

A hands-on challenge to test your outside-the-boat thinking!

### Water Smart® Safety Tip

Going on a boat? Make sure you float: Wear your lifejacket

- Cold water is deadlier than you think. Prepare for the shock of cold water.
- Always wear a life jacket.
- Stay seated! You can easily fall out of a small powerboat, canoe or kayak.
- Properly load your boat. An unbalanced or overloaded boat could take on water or capsize.

### Activity preparation time

5 minutes – Age: 9+ (parental assistance may be required)

Best played with others for the added challenge of working as a team or in competition!



### What you need

- 1 gummy peach ring (1 per challenge)
- 1 gummy worm (1 per challenge)
- 1 cup (foam or plastic)
- 2 paper clips
- 1 napkin

### Instructions

1. Open up napkin as a square on a flat surface. This will become the “water.”
2. Place cup upside down (top down) on the napkin. This will become the “capsized (flipped over) boat”.
3. Place gummy worm on to. The worm’s name is Sam.
4. Place peach ring and two paper clips on napkin scattered around the cup. The peach ring is the rescue “ring buoy” and the paper clips are the “two oars/paddles” for the boat.
5. Read story below to learn what to do:  
Oh no! Sam the worm was sailing his boat capsized! Sam cannot swim, the water is very cold and his ring buoy and oars have fallen off the boat. As the rescuer, you can reach them as they’re close by. Help Sam get back inside his boat, wearing his ring buoy. But be careful: You cannot touch Sam with your hands, he cannot be dropped in the water and has to be wearing his ring buoy safely inside his boat to be fully rescued. Best of luck and think outside the boat!

### Activity Solution

Flatten out the “oars” (paper clips) into hooks and use the hooks to carefully stretch the “ring buoy” (gummy peach ring). Pick up Sam off the boat using the oars (paper clips) and feed him through the ring buoy (peach rings). Use the oars to flip the “boat” (cup) over and place Sam safely inside.