
Activity Suggestions for *Pavlova's Gift*

1. Gifts From the Heart

- Anna gave the gypsy girl a gift from her heart, not a gift that she could buy
- think of what gifts we give to others that come from our hearts
- write about these gifts on heart shaped pieces of paper
- use the hearts to decorate a tree that has been drawn on a bulletin board or cut from construction paper. You could also use an artificial tree, a large plant or even a branch

2. Acrostic Poems

- use the name "PAVLOVA" to write an acrostic poem about the story
- copy on themed paper
- colour the ballerina
- gather up one edge of a little piece of tissue paper and staple onto the paper to make a tutu

3. Tambourines

- use two large paper plates
- colour or paint the paper plates and allow to dry
- place about 1/4 cup of rice or small, dried beans between the plates and then staple them together
- crepe streamers or thin ribbons with bells tied onto them may be taped or stapled around the edges

4. Ballet Video

- some children might never have seen the ballet
- viewing a video, such as the Nutcracker, might be fun!