Build a Raft

What you need:

- Twigs
- Strings
- Paper or material for the sail

Work together with your child on this project. Pretend that a toy animal/ lego man needs rescuing from the sea. How could you help? With boat, raft, swimming ring, ship or a lilo to get to them.

Show pictures from Google of real rafts.

Collect lots of twigs and think about what sorts you will need for your raft. Let the children come up with ideas how to fix the sticks together. (glue stick, Sellotape, masking tape, strings etc?) and try these ideas out.

Using strings and weaving it through the twigs will probably work best. You'll probably need 2 twig across at the bottom and top to hold everything in place.

The sail: Would you want any? How big? What would it be made of? How will we fix it on the raft? You could make a sail from paper, fabric, even cut out from a plastic bag.

Keep experimenting and see which raft works best.