**Activities for…  
Pyrate’s Boy by E.B. Colin**

**Activity 1**

On page 140, Silas talks about how he “volunteered to learn the ropes”. Using the internet, books and perhaps even your own knowledge, find out about different types of knots. You will need to bring in some old washing line rope to tie the knots but it would also be good to find out what they are used for and why they are used for that purpose.

**Activity 2**

In “Pyrate’s Boy”, Silas swears an oath to abide by the Pirate’s Code. Using the internet and books, do some research to find out what these codes were and why they were so important. Once you have done this, your task is to create your own code of conduct for your group. Make it more interesting by staining paper with cold tea bags, water and coffee, so that it looks like a piece of old parchment and display it where the code applies.

**Activity 3**

You can’t be a pirate without a ship and Black Johnnie was clearly very proud of his ship, the Tenacity. Your task is to make a pirate ship out of cardboard boxes. You can make it as big or small as you like. You might even want to make it like the Tenacity, as described on pages 56 and 57, but don’t forget the figurehead and the Jolly Roger. Once you have done this, you can decorate your ship and then dress as a pirate by making your own hat and cutlass.

**Activity 4**

You can’t be a pirate without a ship and Black Johnnie was clearly very proud of his ship, the Tenacity. Your task is to make a pirate ship out of cardboard boxes (there are Internet sites that show you how to do this, with some great pictures). You can make it as big or small as you like. You might event want to make it like the Tenacity, as described on pages 56 and 57 but don’t forget the figurehead and the Jolly Roger. Once you have done this you can decorate your ship and then dress as pirate by making your own hat and cutlass. Here are some web sites to help you set sail:

* <http://www.motherearthnews.com/diy/build-a-cardboard-pirate-ship-zmaz82sozgoe.aspx#axzz3O8JmBDrM>
* <http://www.redtedart.com/2012/04/27/diy-cardboard-pirate-boat/>