



13 SPOOKY TALES  
ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

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# Instructional Resource

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13 Spooky Tales: A Book of Children's Poems may be geared for younger readers, but it can inspire creativity among all ages. Use these activities to steer playful, whimsical, and creative experiences for the artists in your life. Stay spooky!



## Two Little Ghosts Pointillism Activity

### Materials:

- Ghost drawing card - One for each artist
- Dot card - One for each artist
- Scissors
- Masking Tape - One tape bubble for each artist
- Cotton swabs - Two for each artist
- Pencil - One for each artist
- Markers
- Tempera paint - An assortment of colors

**Step One:** Read the poem, *Two Little Ghosts*, from 13 Spooky Tales with your artists.

**Step Two:** Ask your artists the following discussion questions:

- What makes a ghost special?
- What special things can ghosts do?

**Step Three:** Provide each artist a ghost drawing card. Guide them in drawing a playful ghost on the paper with pencil. Once they have their ghost, they can carefully cut it out with scissors.

**Step Four:** Provide each artist a dot card and a piece of masking tape looped to make a little tape bubble. Ask your artists to adhere the tape to the back of their cut-out ghost and press it down firmly onto the dot card.

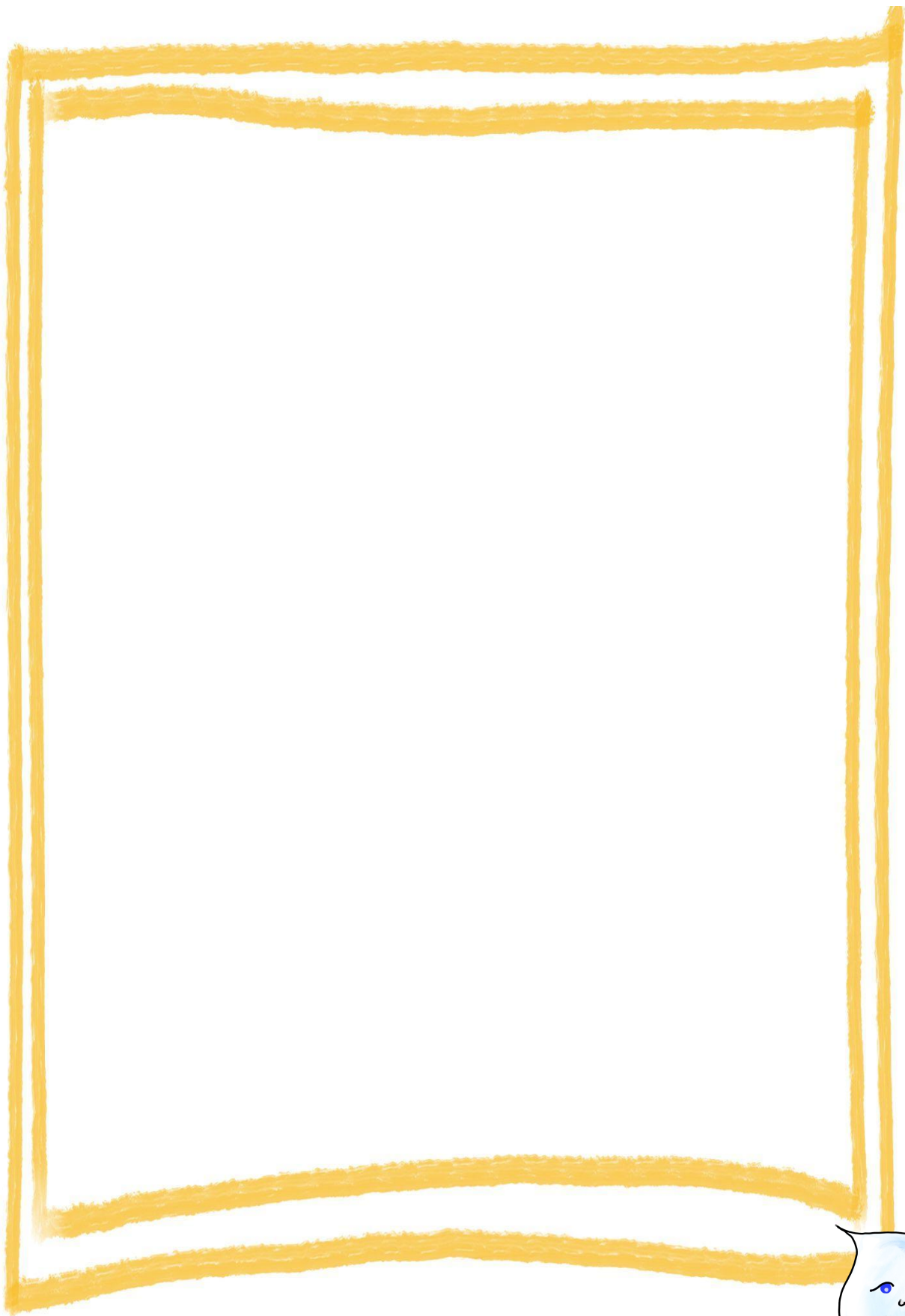
**Step Five:** Prompt your artists to put a little bit of paint on their first cotton swab, and then dab dots around the edge of the ghost cut-out. This will create an implied line around the ghost, so when your artist gently lifts the cut-out up, a spooky ghost outline will appear underneath.

**Step Six:** Prompt your artists to create as many ghost outlines as they like, carefully moving their ghost cutout to different parts of the paper. Encourage your artists to play with color mixing as they dab along the way.

**Step Seven:** Allow the paint to dry a bit before returning to add facial features and any other details to the ghosts with markers.

**Step Eight:** Hang the artwork somewhere for the whole family to enjoy!

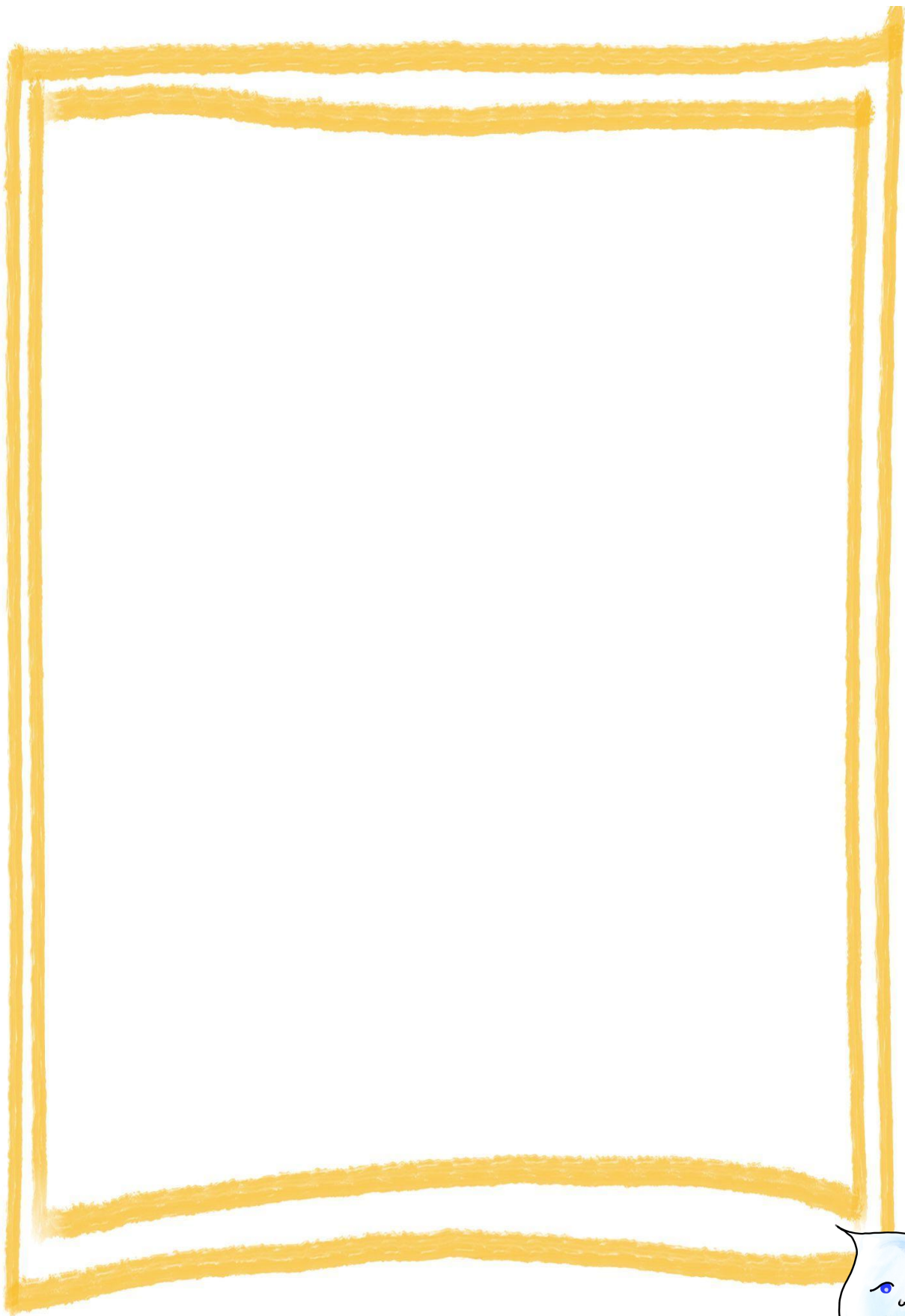




### GHOST DRAWING CARD

Draw your own spooky ghost here and then cut it out.



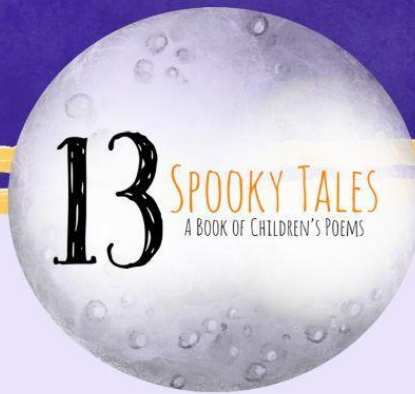


### **DOT CARD**



Using your tape bubble, secure your cut out ghost in the space above. Using your cotton swabs and paint, lightly dab around you ghost cut-out with colorful dots. When you are done painting, carefully lift your cut out ghost up and remove the tape, revealing a colorful shadow. Add facial features and display.

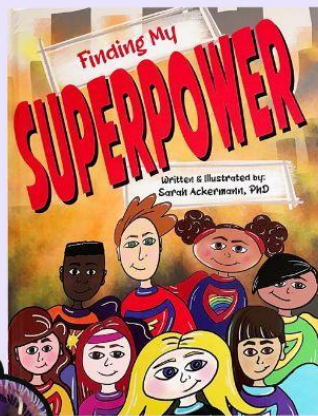




## About the Illustrator



Dr. Sarah Ackermann is an artist and educator. She has taught art at all levels, from pre-kindergarten to adult, and now leads university faculty members in best practices in teaching and learning. Sarah has always drawn as a means of relaxation and personal fulfillment, so when her sister, Angela Tiedemann, asked her to illustrate a book of spooky poems, she gladly agreed. The images in this book were created on an Apple iPad with a little bit of a technical magic and a whole lot of imagination. Sarah hopes that this book inspires young artists to illustrate the things in life that spark curiosity and ignite their inner passion.



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