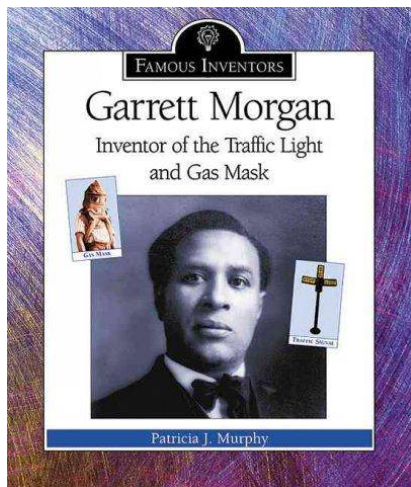


# Activities to Celebrate Black History Month

## Celebrate Garrett Morgan, the Inventor of the Traffic Light!

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### TALK

Talk with your child about traffic lights.

- What colors are they?
- How do they work?
- What does each of the colors mean?

### READ

Ask your librarian for a book about Garrett Morgan, the inventor of the traffic light and gas mask. You can also read about him in a print or online encyclopedia. Read about his life together. If the book is too long for your child, read about what your child is interested in and talk about the pictures together.

### PLAY

Play “**Red Light, Green Light**” with your child. Here’s how:

- One person plays “the traffic light” and the rest play the “cars.” The cars and the traffic light should be about 15 feet away from each other.
- The traffic light faces away from the line of kids and says "green light!" The cars move towards the traffic light.
- At any point, the traffic light may say "red light!" and turn around. If any of the cars are caught moving after this has occurred, they are out.
- Play resumes when the traffic light turns back around and says "green light".
- The traffic light wins if all the kids are out before anyone is able to touch him/her.
- The first car to touch the traffic light wins the game and earns the right to be "traffic light" for the next game.
- For younger children, don’t worry about winning and losing. Just have fun getting them to stop at the right time!

### MAKE

Make a **traffic light snack**! Take a cracker and spread it with cream cheese, peanut butter, or your favorite spread. Give your child some red, green, and yellow foods to place on the cracker. You can use kiwi fruit slices, peaches, strawberries, red and yellow tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes, M & Ms, or gum drops. Help your child sequence the colors of the traffic light in the correct order. Yum!



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