Read The Carpenter by Bruna Barros and do the following STEAM activities. A young boy abandons his beloved electronics when a yellow-jointed tape measure causes his imagination to run wild. The Carpenter is a wordless expression of the simple joys found in exploration and creative play.

**Inquiry and Observation** – Collect different everyday objects. Fill a pail or bin with water. Invite the children to predict if an object will sink or float. Graph both your predictions and observations. Discuss your results.

**Explore** – Collect different measuring tapes and rulers. Invite children to explore the different measuring tools. Add the tools and various objects children can measure in your sensory table.

**Design and Construct** – Collect several everyday and upcycled materials. Invite children to design and build toy boats. You can do the same with different kinds of paper and build paper boats.

**Create** – Cut strips of paper in various colors and size. Invite children to “draw” a picture on construction paper using the strips, glue, crayons and paints.

**Measure and Compare** – Provide children with several measuring tools. Invite them to measure different objects around the room and to write or draw their results. Graph and discuss the results during Circle Time.