



# Los Angeles Conservancy Kids' Guide to Broadway Activities for Kids and Parents *Activity 1*

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## Paint a Postcard

Have your child create a painting of a favorite building on Broadway.

- ❖ Look at some old postcards together at [A Visit to Old Los Angeles](http://www.csulb.edu/~odinthor/socal7.html) [<http://www.csulb.edu/~odinthor/socal7.html>]. Have your child look closely for ways that these postcards look different from modern-day postcards: how are the colors different? How do the photos themselves seem different? Have your child choose one building from the Broadway tour that he or she would like to show on a postcard.
- ❖ Use a 4" x 6" index card. Have your child sketch the building in pencil and then go over the outlines using waterproof marker. Then have your child add color to the drawing using watercolor paints. Encourage your child to work slowly and to include details from the streetscape in order to give the building a realistic setting.
- ❖ Have your child write a short note on the back of the postcard and send it to a friend. If he or she can't bear to part with the masterpiece, then address the card to home and mail it to yourself!