Tooned In to Paley Animation

Pre-Visit Activity
Make Your Own Thaumatrope

The thaumatrope (pronounced thaw-ma-trope) is a motion toy from the early 1800s. The thaumatrope uses a disc with pictures on both sides. When this disc is spun quickly, the two different pictures become one.

You will need:
• Scissors • Hole Puncher • String • Glue • Cardstock

Directions:
1. Print out this sheet. Cut out both picture discs and glue them on a sheet of cardstock.
2. Punch holes on both discs at the Xs.
3. Place the two discs back-to-back and tie string through the holes. 
   The television should be right-side up, the Paley Center logo and boy should be upside-down.
4. Twist the string back and forth between your thumb and forefinger to spin the disc quickly and see the two pictures as one.