I SPY...
The Child Canova Modeling a Lion out of Butter

Before you get started, get a super close look at The Child Canova Modeling a Lion Out of Butter here or print the image on the second page.

I spy a small sculpture of the animal king.
It looks so real like it might be living.
The boy creatively molds butter by hand,
Demonstrating skill that is truly grand.

I spy a cap worn by some of the men
Who are employed in this busy kitchen.
Seen on those in front and behind,
How many white hats can you find?

I spy a symbol of a family's long line.
It has the shape of a shield and bold design.
Hanging in an arch in this culinary scene,
The crest is hidden in shadows—almost unseen.

I spy a piece of furniture being used incorrectly.
A boy rests on the legs instead of the seat directly.
How or why it fell over remains to me unclear.
Don’t try this at home without a grown-up near.

I spy a name that gives us a clue:
Some artists are very proud of the work that they do.
Marcius-Simons thought this work was great.
See if you can find his name upon the crate.

**Next steps**

1. Continue this game of *I Spy*. Write your own clues to find more interesting details in this painting by Pinckney Marcius-Simons.

2. Try using a non-art material to create your own sculpture. Think creatively about what can be used but be sure to ask a grown-up beforehand!

3. The young boy saves the day when his sculpture becomes decoration for a party. Tell a friend or family member about a time when you were really proud of something you accomplished, big or small. You could also draw a picture of the scene.