

How To Tell A Story With Found Objects

Tired of colouring? Turn your pencils into a forest of trees!
Have some old ribbons? Transform them into rivers and rainbows!
Are you running out of things to do at home with your little ones?
Here are some tips for a simple storytelling session using objects lying around the house.

Step 1: *Main Character*

Let your child choose the main character from their selection of dolls, soft toys or plastic animals.

Step 2: *Story Plot*

Think of a quest or a journey. (Keep it simple!). What happens in the story? What does the main character do?

Step 3: *Story Setting*

Ask your child about the different places in the story and what they might look like. Where does the main character go to?

Step 4: *Story Props*

Go on an 'object hunt' with your child, gathering items together. Try to collect items that relate to the actions and the places in the story.

Step 5: *Guided Storytelling*

Help your child share the story by providing little prompts. Start a sentence, and allow your child to complete it. Ask repeated questions that move the story forwards.

Small children have big imaginations! Storytelling is a wonderful method to allow them to express their ideas using language, movement and tactile materials. Inspiration for story ideas and story props can be found within our homes. Everyday objects take on a different meaning when children are allowed to make believe. Staying indoors and being homebound provide opportunities for taking things slow, exploring together and playing with words. Remember to have fun when telling stories with your child!

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