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Activity Idea

Tell Your Story

Recommended for Ages 5 – 8

Once upon a time….
Did you know that way back in the day, people would gather to hear a storyteller share a tale or pass on their wisdom, knowledge and experience? It's true! Storytelling is one of the oldest traditions, honored by many cultures, and you can practice storytelling at home.

What do I need?
To start, you'll need an idea for a story. Who are the people involved? Where does this story take place? What happens in your story? You've just discovered characters, setting and plot!

How can I tell my story?
There are so many ways to share your story. Which do you prefer?

Drawing and Illustrating:
Write out your story, then grab some crayons or markers to add some art. Create a journal, book, zine, or graphic novel. Share your story by reading it out loud to someone when you're done.

Puppets and props:
Turn ordinary objects at home into puppets! Grab a sock, towel, oven mitt or paper bag and create your own characters. Or, draw your own silhouette characters, cut and tape them onto pencils and prepare a shadow puppet show. Create a theater from a cardboard box or use a sheet or blanket with a light shining from behind to illuminate your puppet performance.

Act it out:
It's showtime! Get creative and perform your story for the world. Make sure you have the right lines for each character and use your imagination for creating costumes and for the setting. Creativity is key! Can Mom's scarf be borrowed for the princess character? Can a tower of pillows become a castle? Let your imagination soar.

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