



# Bring the Story to Life

Choose a favorite picture-book scene and act it out together.

## Helps Your Child Grow



### Comprehension and Text Structure

Acting out story events and answering questions in character gives your child practice expressing and deepening their understanding of what they read.

## Steps

- When your child still wants more of a favorite picture book, invite them to act out part of it with you.
- Gather a few key props from the story, such as a pretend wand. Similar household objects can stand in for the exact items.
- Let your child choose an interesting character while you play supporting roles and use narration or questions to move the scene forward.
- If your child feels shy, let a toy act first. Perform the roles with the toy, then invite your child to join when the scene feels familiar.
- You do not need to finish the book before acting. A moment of strong interest is enough reason to begin.
- When your child offers a new interpretation or plot idea, follow it and let the performance continue in that direction.

## Tips

- If attention drifts during the performance, use a more expressive voice or larger movement to renew the scene and invite your child back in.

## Observations

- Answers in character or acts out an event from the story
- Joins the performance without needing repeated invitations