

# Story Skits

## Primary Objectives

14b. Engages in sociodramatic play

18a. Interacts during reading experiences, book conversations, and text reflections

## Why It's Important

You can reinforce your child's enjoyment and comprehension of books by encouraging her to act out the main events from the story. If she includes others in her play, she will also gain experience in cooperation and teamwork.

## Materials

Glue stick; pencils; crayons; notebooks

## What You Do

1. Choose a few books that you think your child may enjoy acting out. Make sure the stories are familiar to her and have characters with active roles, such as Goldilocks from *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* or the peddler from *Caps for Sale*. Have your child pick a book from the collection. *Which book do you like best?*
2. If you want to include more children, choose a book with multiple active roles.
3. After your child chooses a book, create a simple outline of the events from the story. Talk with your child about what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story, as well as any important parts of the plot. Next, talk about the characters and roles that your child and the others will play.
4. Encourage your child to practice how her character might speak and move. Remind her that it is not important to repeat the words exactly from the story, but to relay what the character is like and what happens to him/her.
5. When your child is ready to act out the story, you can serve as the narrator by reading the story or talking about upcoming events.
6. Encourage your child to act out the story for others if she is interested.