



Aiken Drum's Treasure Hunt:

Some treasures to take home

"There was a person lived in the moon and their name was Aiken Drum"

The story of Aiken Drum is told using a crankie – a scrolling picture – with images inspired by recycled materials. You can see a wealth of other amazing crankies at [The Crankie Factory](#), it will also show you how you can make a simple crankie of your own. All you need is a cardboard box and some imagination.

"And they played upon a ladle and their name was Aiken Drum"

We used spoons and cooking pots as noise makers to accompany the rhyme. What other sound makers can you find at home for your little one to explore?

"And their coat was made of baked beans and their name was Aiken Drum"

In the story, Aiken Drum shows us that anything can be turned from litter into treasure, just by imagining a new use for it. You could try:

- Collect pieces of litter to make your own picture of Aiken Drum's clothes, or a colourful sticking picture.
- Take an empty egg-box on a treasure hunt. Find one piece of litter for each hole in the egg-box. Can you find; Six different colours? Six different materials? Different shapes or sizes? It is a good opportunity for talking about only picking up things that are safe.
- Play the tidy up game. Can you find the right place for all the litter?
- Find the story; who dropped that piece of litter and where did it come from? Was it Cinderella's sock? Rapunzel's comb? The Three Bears' shopping list? Make the story up yourself.

"And their hat was made of good cream cheese, and their name was Aiken Drum"

The story of [Aiken Drum](#) is based on an old nursery rhyme. Can you add more verses of your own? Can you find other rhymes which you can recycle by inventing your own verses?

Rhymes about the moon:

[The Man in the Moon](#)

[I See the Moon and the Moon Sees Me](#)

[Five little men in a flying saucer](#)

Rhymes about food:

[Jelly On a Plate Nursery Rhyme Lyrics](#)

[Hot Cross Buns](#)

Playing music:

[Black Lace - I Am The Music Man](#)

Finding treasure:

[Rhyme Time - Here is a box](#)

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