

# Sticks and Stones and Stories



I hope you enjoyed the story! Here are some more ideas of things to talk about and do outside.

Watch it again:

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# The story of Chicken Licken

The sky is  
falling on my  
head!

Where are you going  
this fine day?



Tell a story to  
get a story

That's not the  
queen's house.

Repeated words help children  
join in and remember stories

# Playing with natural objects

Chicken Licken is made from a pine cone and a stone. What can you do with things you find outside?

That stick feels bumpy



It's an egg



Can you pick it up,  
feel it, smell it?  
Can you make a noise?  
Make a stick animal?  
Make a den?  
Make a story?



I can see through  
this leaf

Watch what children do  
and follow their lead

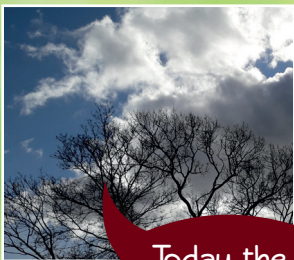
# Take a chicken's eye view!

Close to the ground...



Above your head...

Talk about what you  
can see and feel



Today the  
sky's white  
and a little  
bit blue

Do you dare look in Foxy's den?

Play Peepo!



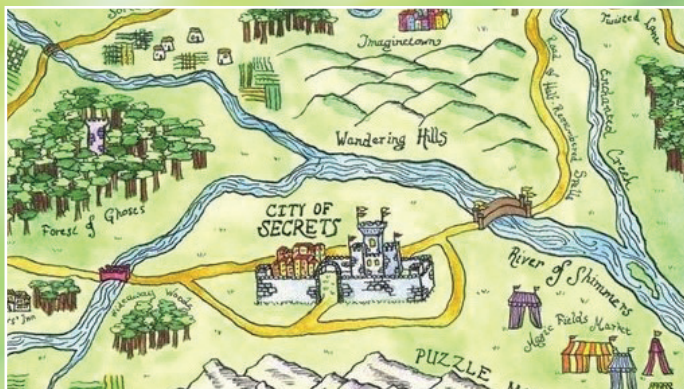
Children have conversations  
with us before they can talk:  
like when they play Peepo!



# Go on a journey...

Play follow my leader

Go on a scavenger hunt



Talk about landmarks  
you see every day on  
your way home

Pretend to creep up  
on Foxy and run away!

Look for Foxy's den

Take a map with  
you - of a real place  
or an imaginary one

...Take your friends

Afterwards, tell the story  
of your journey together

# Songs and games

Pease Pudding Hot  
Pease pudding cold  
Pease pudding in the pot  
Nine days old.

Some like it hot  
Some like it cold  
Some like it in the pot  
Nine days old.



Make a circle of your finger and thumb as a 'den'. Child puts their finger in the circle. Pretend to 'catch' their finger.

For some children,  
singing is the  
beginning of talking



What do you have for  
breakfast? Make up your  
own breakfast song:  
'cinnamon bagels hot...'

Put your finger  
in Foxy's den  
Foxy's not at home.  
Foxy's at the back door  
- ouch!  
Nibbling at a bone.

We're going to see the queen  
We're going to see the queen  
Cluck cluck cluckety cluck  
We're going to see the queen.

Sing it to the tune of 'Here we go round  
the mulberry bush' 'The farmer's in his den'  
or any tune you like.



Your child will not  
judge your singing!

Make up songs to go with other parts  
of your day 'This is the way we wash our  
hands' 'We're going to the park...'  
Sing songs in nonsense language: baa-ing  
or mooing or clucking.

Made up songs, nonsense songs, and  
action rhymes are something unique to  
share with your child



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For parents and carers

You are your child's best language teacher, and  
you are your child's best storyteller too.

Try sharing:

- stories about your day together
- stories of your own family and when  
you were little
- stories that you make up on the spot  
about favourite toys

These will all build your child's talking skills  
and make them feel special too!

Enjoy the songs and stories!

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