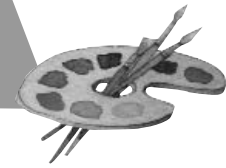


# A Recipe for Storytelling



## A Barefoot Activity

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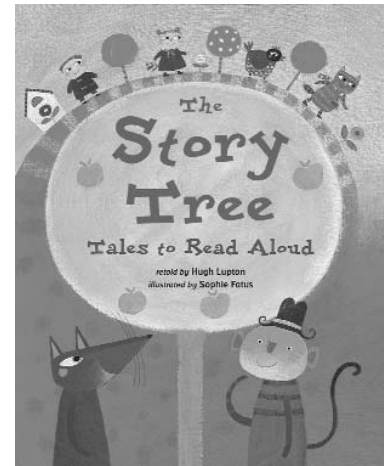
For kids ages 4 - 7

Learn to tell the story "Monkey See, Monkey Do" from *The Story Tree* in a lively and entertaining way!

## Let's Begin!

- ◆ Prepare for storytelling by making monkey masks with all the kids. Each child will need two plates, one for the face and one for the ears. Have kids draw faces on the first plate and then paint them. Use a cup as a template for the ears. You may want to help younger children with scissors. Cut them out and paint them. Once both the face and ears are dry, tape the ears to the mask. Next, carefully poke holes in the face to make nostrils. Also, cut out eyeholes and poke holes on either side of the face. Tie a piece of elastic in these holes. Voila – you have a monkey mask!
- ◆ Now it's time to start storytelling. Read through the story once. Make sure the children listen carefully because they'll have to act out the characters next time around. After, ask the children if they can make monkey noises and movements. Join in yourself!
- ◆ Assign roles to the children. You'll need a Hat Seller with an imaginary cart. The rest of the children will be monkeys. Give each monkey a monkey mask. Ask the Hat Seller to walk around with the cart in a circle. Now tell the story for the second time. The monkeys then copy what the Hat Seller does. When the Hat Seller throws down the stick, the monkeys can imitate this too. Of course, you'll want to use imaginary sticks because the real thing could be very dangerous.

- ◆ At the end of the story, you can continue the fun by leading a game of "Monkey Says" instead of "Simon Says."



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### Materials

- 1 group of children
- 1 enthusiastic adult
- Paper plates
- Brown paint
- Elastic
- Tape
- Scissors



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