

Let's Talk About Where The Wild Things Are

Look at the pictures and see how Max's room slowly changes.

As Max's imagination grows, the pictures get larger and larger until they completely fill the pages and there are no words on them. Talk about what is happening in these pictures.

Max had an adventure. Tonight at bedtime, you and your child can create a story together.



After a long journey, Max found his dinner in his room and it was still hot.

Talk about the difference between hot and cold. Give examples such as summer and winter weather.



Max had his own boat. Talk about different boats you see in books, in magazines or on television.

Max sailed his boat in the ocean. With you child, talk about what different things water can be used for (e.g. drinking, swimming, washing)



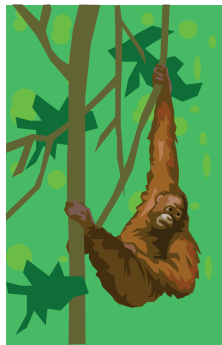
Let's Play With Rhymes

Walking Through The Jungle

Walking through the jungle,
What did I see?
A big lion roaring
At me, me, me!

Walking through the jungle,
What did I see?
A baby monkey laughing
At me, me, me!

Walking through the jungle,
What did I see?
A slippery snake hissing
At me, me, me!

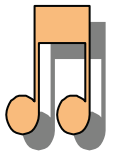


Row Row Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat,
Gently down the stream.
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily,
Life is but a dream.



Pretend that you and your child are in the boat rowing together. Then pretend you are both in a canoe. Change the words of the song to match your paddling actions. Think of other types of boats, with actions and words to match. (e.g. "Drive, drive, drive your speed boat...")



Note to Parents & Caregivers

Story characters often feel, think and act in ways familiar to children. Talking about the story gives your child a chance to tell you times he or she has felt the same. Talking about the story may help your child learn ways of coping with situations or emotions that are difficult in his or her own life.

Books can show children that they are not alone.

Let's Create

Wild Thing Puppet

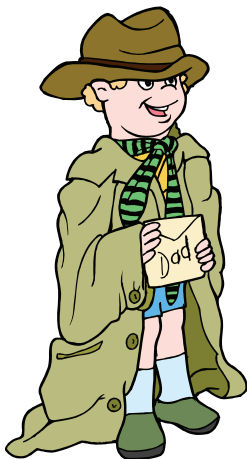
1. Fold one sheet of paper into thirds lengthwise.
2. Fold strip in half.
3. Take each open end and fold back to be even with middle fold. The strip will now be folded in quarters. Open ends will be on the outside.
4. To make the mouth of the puppet move, fit your fingers in the top opening of the folded paper and your thumb in the bottom opening.
5. Make this plain paper puppet into a Wild Thing puppet. Glue on yarn for hair or whiskers. Use crayons, markers, fabric or paper scraps to make eyes, horns, teeth, nose, etc.



Let's Be Together

Imaginative play is a big part of young children's lives. It helps them understand themselves and the world around them. Make believe helps children imagine themselves in different roles. In this book the "wild things" make Max their leader. Max gets to try on the role of leader.

Play make believe games with your child. It shows that you are interested in his or her feelings and thoughts.



Games to play with your child:

- Dress-up can inspire all kinds of games. The clothing does not have to be bought or special. You can usually find clothes around the house or in second hand shops for a dress-up box. Collect things like old hats, scarves, jewelry, witch hats made out of paper, and bed sheets for capes.
- Children love to drape sheets and blankets over chairs and tables to make a pretend fort, cave or castle. They love it if you become involved in building it and then spend some time with them inside. Play pretend games the two of you cook up.

Encourage your child to use imaginative play.



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