

Who's that Knocking? (one person holds a cardboard door w/ puppets behind)

1 2 3 4 Who's that knocking at my door?

(chant and clap)

KNOCK, KNOCK!

(make knocking motion)

Who's there?

Meow!

(use different animal puppets)

Who do you think is there?

Bring the cat from behind the door; MEOW!

Silly Face, Silly Face

Silly face, silly face what do you see?

I see a sleepy face looking at me.

Sleepy face, sleepy face what do you see?

I see an angry face looking at me.



Angry face, angry face what do you see?

I see a surprised face looking at me.

Surprised face, surprised face what do you see?

I see a sad face (pretend to cry) looking at me.

Sad face, sad face what do you see?

I see a happy face looking at me!

Ned the Pirate Flannelboard

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(Have kids say "YAR!" with you each time.)

"Ned Pirate
Learns His Manners"

Once upon a time there was a very tall, very fierce, very loud pirate named **Ned**. Ned's favorite thing to say was "YAR!" He said it when he was happy, and when he was sad, and sometimes when he was hungry or sleepy. No matter what the occasion, it was his favorite word.

One day, it was Ned's birthday. He had invited all his friends over for a party, and he had to get ready.

First, he took a **broom and swept his cabin.**

Then, he **baked a beautiful fishbone birthday cake.**

Finally, he **walked out on the beach to collect some seashells to decorate his cabin.**

"Do you think it looks alright?" he asked **his pet parrot, Reggie.** "Yes!" said Reggie. "It will be a wonderful party!" Well, there was only one thing Ned could say to that:

"YAR!"

Soon, it was time for his friends to arrive.

First came a pirate called **Stan the Man.** "Happy Birthday!" said Stan. "**I brought you a chest filled with gold!**"

"YAR!" said Ned. Stan stood back and looked sad.

Next came **One-Eyed Philip.** "Happy Birthday!" said Philip. "**I brought you the biggest tomato anyone has ever seen!**"

"YAR!" said Ned. Now One-Eyed Philip looked sad, too.

Finally, in came **Lady Sue.** "Happy Birthday!" said Lady Sue. "**I brought you a pitcher of seaweed juice!**"

"YAR!" said Ned. Lady Sue burst into tears. "That wasn't very nice!" she said, and she ran out, with Stan the Man and One-Eyed Philip close behind.

"YAR?" said Ned, confused. "Reggie, what did I do wrong?"

And Reggie said, "Ned, when someone gives you a present, you're not supposed to say 'YAR,' you're supposed to say... _____ (let kids say: 'Thank You!')." "

So Ned ran after all his friends. First he found Lady Sue, and then Philip, and then Stan. And he looked at them all and said "Thank You!" as loud as he could. Always after that, Ned was a very polite pirate.

Bear Draws a Picture

Bear Draws a Picture
adapted from "Bread and Honey" by Frank Asch

One day in school, Bear wanted to draw a picture of his mother, so he drew something that looked like this: (show picture of a bear)

"It's perfect!" he thought. "I can't wait to show it to her!" After school, he took his picture and he walked home.

On the way, he met Owl. "Look!" said Bear. " I drew a picture of my mother!"
"It's nice," said Owl, but it needs something more. You need to make her eyes bigger, like mine."

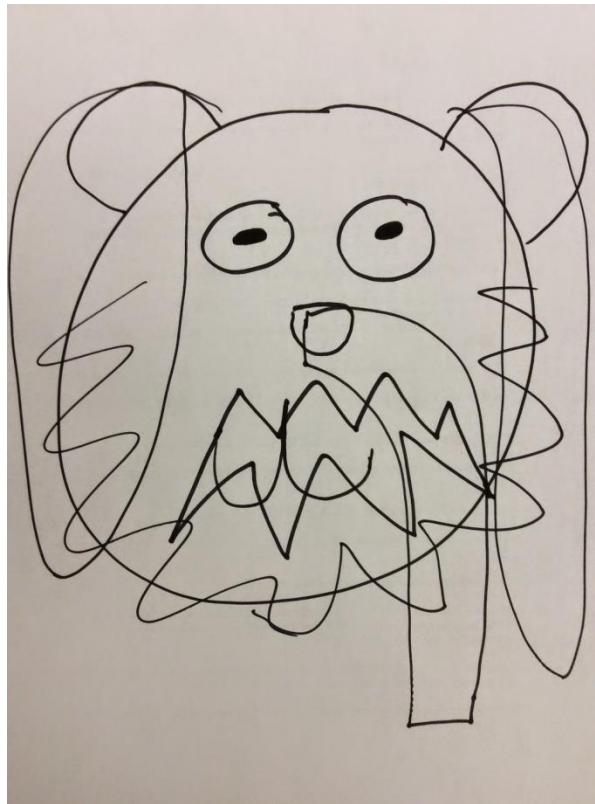
"Ok." said Bear, and he drew bigger eyes, like this: (draw bigger eyes on picture)

Repeat with Alligator who says the mouth needs to be a lot bigger, Rabbit who says the ears are too small, Elephant who says the nose is too small, and Lion who says to add a fluffy mane.

Bear was so excited for his mother to see the picture! He ran all the way home, and he burst inside and said, "Look! Look! I drew a picture of you....and it looks like....THIS!" (show picture)

Bear's mother's eyes got very wide. She put her hand up to her mouth, and said...."I Love it!"

"Just the way it is?" asked Bear. "Just the way it is," his mother said. And she gave him a BIG bear hug.



Supersize Storytime Prop Stories

These are some prop stories that we use in storytimes and they work particularly well outside for our big Stories on the Lawn storytimes in the summer.

1. The Surprise

(need 3 or 4 boxes that fit inside each other and a mouse puppet)

Mouse was worried.

His mother's birthday was one day, and he still hadn't found her a present.

He looked in all the stores in town, but nothing seemed just right.

She already had perfume and books and the most beautiful garden.

He'd already given her drawings and songs that he'd made up.

And every time he made a cake, he burned it.

He sighed and said, "I'll just have to send her a plain old birthday card."

But, as he was putting the stamp on, he had an idea.

He called his mother on the phone and said, "I'm sending you a package with a surprise in it. Please be sure to open it right away!"

The next day, when the package arrived, his mother opened up the box.

But there was another box inside.

So, she opened that box and found another box.

And when she opened the smallest box....

Mouse jumped out and gave her a big kiss!

2. The Giant Watermelon

Pieces needed: *A watermelon, a mother, a father, a sister, a brother, a baby, an aunt, an uncle, a cousin, a grandmother, a grandfather*

One day Father went out to his vegetable garden to check on his prize watermelon. Wasn't he surprised when he saw that it was ENORMOUS! "Perfect!" he thought to himself. "I will pick this watermelon and take it home and cut it up for our family dinner tonight." And he grabbed that watermelon and PULL ED and PULL ED, but that watermelon wouldn't let go of its vine. So he called for his wife, the mother in the family. Mother PULL ED on Father, who PULL ED on the watermelon, but that watermelon wouldn't let go of its vine. Repeat the pattern incorporating names of the other relatives.* And finally the watermelon came loose! The family all worked together to roll that watermelon back to the house. They cut it up and after their dinner, they each had a big slice—even the baby! Yum, yum!

*Sidney Edition:

So the mother called for the sister...

So the sister calls for the brother...

So the brother calls for the aunt...

So the aunt calls for the uncle...

So the uncle calls for the grandmother...

So the grandmother calls for the grandfather...

So the grandfather calls for the baby!

3. The Wide Mouthed Frog

Puppets needed-frog, bee, owl, duck, rabbit, and crocodile

(Bee buzzes around and frog catches it and spits it back out)

Frog: Owww! That bee stung me! I'm sick of eating bugs, the creepy crawlers. I'm a great big wide-mouthed frog and I deserve something better!

(To tune of Wheels on the Bus)

I am a great big wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog. I am a great big wide-mouthed frog and I'm adorable.

(Owl enters)

Hello, Friend Owl. By the way, what do you eat? I'm tired of eating bugs and I need some new menu ideas.

Owl: I'd be glad to help. My favorite food is a nice, juicy mouse. I swallow them whole. Yum! Yum!

Frog: Well, thanks, Owl, but I don't know if I will like mice. Too furry.

Owl: Suit yourself then, bye.

Frog: I am a great big wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog. I am a great big wide-mouthed frog and I'm adorable.

(Duck enters)

Why, hello Friend Duck. How are you today? By the way, what do you eat?

Duck: Well, I simply love bread crumbs, especially if they're thrown at me.

Frog: Sounds interesting but I think I need something a little more delicious.

Duck: Suit yourself then, bye.

Frog: I am a great big wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog. I am a great big wide-mouthed frog and I'm adorable.

(Rabbit enters)

Hello, Friend Rabbit. How's it going? By the way, would you mind giving me some ideas for delicious foods to eat?

Rabbit: Sure, Frog. Well, I like carrots and lettuce. They're delightful.

Frog: Interesting...but I think I would like something meatier.

Rabbit: Suit yourself then, bye.

Frog: I am a great big wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog, wide-mouthed frog. I am a great big wide-mouthed frog and I'm adorable.

(Crocodile enters)

Why, hi there, Mr. Crocodile. By the way, what's your favorite food?

Crocodile: Well, my favorite food just happens to be **WIDE-MOUTHED FROGS!**

Frog: I am a little, tiny small-mouthed frog, small-mouthed frog, small-mouthed frog. I am a little, tiny small-mouthed frog and I taste really bad!

4. Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock

Use with Puppets and “rock” with green felt over it
Have kids say KABOOM! when sign is held up

Anansi- Once upon a time Anansi the spider was walking, walking, walking through the forest when something caught his eye. “Oh how interesting!” said Anansi. “Isn’t this a strange moss-covered rock!” KABOOM (hold up sign so kids say it with you very loud. fall to the ground.) An hour later Anansi woke up. His head was spinning. “Whaaaa what happened? I was walking along the path when something caught my eye. I stopped and said ‘Isn’t this a strange moss-covered rock.’” KABOOM! (hold up sign. fall to the ground again.) But this time when Anansi woke up an hour later he knew what was happening. “Aha! This is a magic rock. And whenever someone comes along and says the magic words, ‘Isn’t this a strange hmmmmm-hmmmm-hmmmm’ down he goes! This is a good thing to know and I know just how to use it!” So Anansi went walking, walking, walking through the forest until he came to Bear and he had a huge pile of honey on his porch. Anansi loved honey but he was much too lazy to go get his own. “Oh hello Bear, it’s so very hot. Would you like to go for a walk in the cool cool forest?” “Sure!” said Bear.

So Bear and Anansi went walking, walking, walking through the forest and after a while Anansi led Bear to a certain place. “Oh! Bear do you see what I see?” And Bear said, “isn’t this a strange moss-covered rock”) KABOOM! (hold up sign.) Anansi ran back to Bear’s house and made off with all his honey. An hour later Bear woke up—his head was spinning and Anansi was nowhere in sight. When he got home all of his honey was gone and he was very sad.

Anansi was very happy! He couldn’t wait to play his trick again! So he went to.....(Repeat this with other animals)

But all this time watching from behind the leaves was little bush deer! (Pokes head up from behind a table). Little bush deer was very sly. Little bush deer watched Anansi play his trick over and over again and decided it was time for Anansi to learn a lesson! So she went deep in the forest and began collecting coconuts. She gathered as many as she could and set them on her porch and then sat down beside them to wait. And soon enough Anansi came along and his eyes lit up when he saw all of Little Bush Deer’s coconuts!

Hello Little bush deer! It’s soooo hot today!

Yes it is Anansi!

Would you like to go for a walk in the cool cool forest?

Yes I would!

So Anansi and Little bush deer went walking, walking, walking in the cool forest and after a while Anansi led Little bush deer to a certain place. “Little bush deer! Do you see what I see?”

No I don’t see anything.

You must see it! Look carefully here!”

Nope I still don’t see anything”

(angry) You must see it Look right where I’m pointing. See it now?

No Anansi

You see it you just don’t want to say it!

Say what?

You know!

Is that what I'm supposed to say?

Yes!

Ok then I'll say it to make you happy! "You know"

No NO NO! You're not supposed to say "you know" you're supposed to say "Isn't this a strange moss covered rock! KABOOM! (Anansi falls)

Little bush deer ran to Anansi's house and grabbed all the honey and gave it back to Bear. she grabbed all the <food 2> and gave it back to <animal 2> etc

An hour later Anansi woke up and his head was spinning. Little Bush deer was nowhere in sight and his house was as empty as it was before. But if you think Anansi stopped playing tricks you're mistaken. He is still playing tricks to this very day!

Goodbye Songs

Eileen and I just presented at Kent State for the Northeast OLC conference and had so much fun! We had a request to post some of the songs we shared so here they are-

"See You Later" (to the tune of "Clementine")

See you later alligator, in a while crocodile
Give a hug ladybug, be sweet parakeet.
See you soon big baboon, take care polar bear
Wave goodbye butterfly, blow a fish jellyfish!

"Tickle the Clouds" (to the tune of "This Old Man")

Tickle the clouds, tickle your toes
Turn around and tickle your nose.
Now reach down low and reach up high
Storytime's over, now wave goodbye!

We also insert our library name into the tune of "Yellow Submarine" by the Beatles

We all love the Grandview Library,
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Repeat with "sing and dance" and "read and learn