

(Re) Tell Me a Story



Common Core Standard

Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.

Basically this means your child can....

Retell a story.

Background Information:

Your child is developing reading comprehension skills, the ability to understand what they read. One way that reading comprehension is developed is through retelling stories while learning to identify the central message or moral of a story.

What You Need:

- Just you and your child

Activity Instructions:

In this activity, you will tell your child a story with a moral or central message. After telling the story, you will challenge your child to identify the central message of the story as he/she tells it back to you.

1. Think of a household rule that you could tell a story about. For example, if you choose the rule “No running inside,” your story could be about a time that a girl ran inside her house and hit her leg on the kitchen table. Feel free to make up the story and add as many details as possible to show the importance of the household rule.
2. Tell the story to your child. Don’t mention what the rule is that your story is based upon.
3. Ask your child to retell the story, including key details from the beginning, middle, and the end of the story.
4. Ask your child what they think the important message of the story is. See if they can connect the message to one of your household rules.

Extension:

After reading a story, have your child practice retelling the story back to you. Ask your child to identify the story’s central message or moral.



