



FAMILY  
ACTIVITY

# Surprise Storytelling Box



Use small objects, toys, pictures, and more from your home to inspire telling stories together!

## MATERIALS

- Shoebox, hat, jar, pot, or basket
- Nature Items: leaves, flowers, sticks
- Household Items: utensils, clothespins, toys
- Art/craft items: yarn, colors, googly eyes
- Magazines (for pictures or photos)
- Scissors

## ART PROJECT STEPS

1. Search outdoors and at home for things you think are interesting.
2. Place materials in container.
3. Close your eyes and pick something out of the container to start your story.
4. Take turns selecting items to build your story as a family.

## HAVE A CONVERSATION!

- How does the object move?
- Where does it live?
- What does it like to do?
- What does it like to eat?
- What sounds does it make?



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**NYC Department of Education Pre-K for All** [schools.nyc.gov/earlychildhood](http://schools.nyc.gov/earlychildhood)

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