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Storytelling with Sticks and Stones

An activity of "Walking the globe, collecting stories"

Read "Walking the globe, collecting stories" (page 17, *What's Up* September 2021). Mr Salopek learned many things on his walking journey. He shared, "Nothing would make me happier than to leave a multicultural community of thoughtful storytellers in my wake."

You too can collect precious stories and share them with others. You can also tell your own stories. For this activity, first capture a story. Then, tell your own story with the help of nature!

1. Think about a special story that someone told you recently. Reflect on the details of the storytelling.
 - Who was the storyteller?
 - When were you told the story?
 - What was the story about?
 - Why is this story special to you?

2. Share this story with a friend or family member.

3. Next, create a picture story outdoors. Take a five-minute walk where there is nature. Along the way, pick up natural materials such as twigs, pebbles, seeds, and dried leaves. Stop at a shaded spot. Construct your picture story using the items you have picked up. For example, you might make a flag with a petal and a twig, and a house with leaves and pebbles, and so on.

4. Document your creation below.

A sketch of my creation:

This is made with: _____

My story is about: _____

5. Leave your picture story along the path for other walkers to discover. As there are no words, whoever looks at your display will have to imagine the story that they think you are telling them. Each person who stops and looks may see a different story in your wayside display! Doesn't that thought make you happy?