



My Own Story...

4 years to 5 years

Objective: The child demonstrates creative thought by using their words to tell their own story and draw a picture to illustrate it.

Materials needed:

White paper

Crayons or Markers

Procedures:

1. Model to show/teach your child what it is you want them to do for this activity. You begin by telling them a short, made-up story. Then, using the paper and crayons, draw a picture of the story you just told them.
2. Now let them do. Ask them: "Can you tell me a story? It can be about anything you want. Bugs, princesses, your favorite toy, dinosaurs, castles, anything. After you tell me a story, you get to draw me a picture of it."
3. Let them tell their own story. You may need to help generate their thoughts by providing



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your child some "story starter" type of ideas. Such as: "Once upon a time there was a big castle. In the castle lived a ___(let child finish story)_____." OR

"One day, there was a boy named Bob. He loved dinosaurs. He went with his family to visit a museum and he saw ___(let child finish story)_____."

4. After your child is finished telling you a story they have made-up, give them the white paper and colors and let them draw you a picture of their story.

5. Write their name and date, then at dinner have your child show the picture to dad (or mom) and re-tell the story again!

Milestones to meet:

The child can use creative thinking and their words to tell you a story and draw a picture about it.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?