

Indoor Activity: Compose a Story

Items Needed:

- General: Pencils or Pens
- Per Child: 1 Sheet of Paper (lined paper is best)

Instructions:

- Divide the children into groups of 3 or 4, but they will not work together.
- Have each child write a different part of a story.
- One child will make up 3 or 4 characters for the story: type of character (bear, dog, girl, fish, etc.), and names and personalities for each character.
- Another child will choose the setting for the story: the location, weather, surroundings, etc.
- Tell the remaining children to use the names given to decide what each character is going to do without knowing the type of character, personality, or setting: go fishing, walking, shopping, etc.
- Only the names of each character may be shared with other members of the group.
- The children must not talk to each other or show each other what they have written down.
- When all of the children have finished their part of the story, they will get together and read their part of the story: first the characters, then the setting, then what each character is doing.
- Explain that context is important when you are making up your own story or reading the Bible.