



Story Rocks for Ages 2-5

Create characters and other parts of a story by decorating the rocks with chalk. Story rocks can be a fun way to engage creative minds and keep children's hands busy while reading.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

Chalk and rocks

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Books, pictures, tempera (washable) paint



1. Collect rocks and stones of all sizes and shapes. Look through the pictures in the book together and plan out which rocks will be characters and other items involved in the story being told. Using the chalk, decorate the rocks according to the story and let the storytelling begin!
2. After the rocks are decorated, begin to read the book and use the rocks to act out events. For example, while reading aloud *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, whenever the caterpillar eats through a food item, replace a green rock of the caterpillar with a food rock to show that the caterpillar 'ate' the food item.
3. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* ends with the caterpillar transforming into a beautiful butterfly. You can represent this with the rocks! After your rock story is finished, the chalk can be easily washed off of the rocks with water. Once the rocks are dried, children can use the same rocks to create new characters and items for a different story to be told.
4. Retelling Stories: Read a book to your child. Once the book is finished, have your child retell you the book read by acting it out with the story rocks. Actively participating in retelling helps young children to identify characters and sequence of events throughout a book or story.

TO FURTHER EXTEND THIS ACTIVITY:

To keep the story fun going and challenge the child to create their own story, learn how to make more permanent story rocks by watching this [video](#).