

Activity Sheet



“What Will We Build Today?”

By Katherine Durgin-Bruce

In “What Will We Build Today?”, two children use their imaginations to turn everyday objects into amazing creations. As they play, pretend, and build together, they discover that a little creativity can transform everyday objects into extraordinary adventures.

Before you read this book:

Ask and discuss the following questions with the child: "What do you like to do when you pretend play?" "Have you ever used a box, blanket, or other household items to make something new?" "If you could build anything with your imagination, what would you build?" and "What do you think these children on the cover of the book are imagining?"

While you read this book:

As you read, encourage the child to use their imaginations along with the characters. Pause and ask, "What are the children pretending now?" and "What else could they build?" Have them identify the everyday objects being used and talk about how the objects transformed through pretend play. Ask the child to guess what the children in the book will build next. Ask about their own creative ideas. As the children build new creations, say “what do you see? How do you know what it is?” Talk about the details of each creation.

After you read this book:

- Ask the child to describe their favorite imagination or creation from the story.
- Have the child name some everyday objects they could use for pretend play.
- Discuss how playing together can help people share ideas and create new things.

Try this at home:

- Draw a picture of something you would like to build with your imagination.
- Take a walk around your home and find three everyday objects. Think of a new way each object could be used in a pretend adventure.
- Use boxes, blankets, pillows, or chairs to create an imaginary fort, castle, spaceship, or other pretend play space

Additional Kindness Resources:

“Not a Box” by Antoinette Portis

“If I Built a House” by Chris Van Dusen