OVERVIEW FOR THE CAREGIVER

BIG QUESTION:
How can you build out your world using items from around the house?

In this lesson, the young storyteller will create props and costumes for their story using everyday objects.

Materials:
- Pen/ Pencil
- Markers/ Crayons/ Colored Pencils
- Any objects you can find in your home!
PROP S!

Let’s take your story to the third dimension!

Sometimes your story can be clearer or more engaging with help from a physical item... also known as a prop! Using what you have lying around your house can help you think more creatively!

Props don’t have to BE what they REPRESENT.

- You can use a toothbrush as a magic wand
- You can use a tape dispenser as a tiny water slide
- You use a cardboard box as a spaceship

What else can you use?

- I can use my __________ as a ____________
- I can use my __________ as a ____________
- I can use my __________ as a ____________

What other props do you want to use to help tell your story?

- ___________________________________________
- ___________________________________________
- ___________________________________________
COSTUMES!

YOU are playing the main character in your story. What should your main character wear? Draw your costume on the figure to the right.

If you’d like, refer to your character sketch from Chapter 2
STEP 3: BUILD YOUR WORLD

Just like with our props, we can use our imagination and the objects around our house to build our costumes.

How can you create the costume you just imagined using items from your home?

• I can use a blanket as my cape
• I can use my mom’s bathrobe to make me look like a wizard
• I can turn these fuzzy socks into cat paws

How can you build your costume using things from your house?

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Step 4: Build Your World

Rehearse and incorporate your props and costumes!

Now that you have selected props and created your costume, use them the next time you rehearse your story.

What did you like?
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What made you stop and think?
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What do you want to change?
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We’d love to see what you created!

With your parent or guardian’s consent, share your costume design and props with us on social media using #BCSCampAtHome or email it to us at storytelling@centerstage.org

Coming up next...

CHAPTER 7: Finishing Touch

• Create sound
• Play with lights
• Design your set