



Act the Story

Teddy Bears Picnic A Story Steps Script

We're sharing a Story Steps script for each story, alongside the videos so you can also bring the stories to life in your own way.

You might choose to always use the video, or you may sometimes prefer to lead the story yourself. While the videos include music and sound effects to enhance the atmosphere, acting out the story with these scripts offers its own unique benefits.

It gives you the flexibility to work outdoors, or in a space without an interactive whiteboard. You might want to act out the story with a smaller group while others are engaged in different activities. Plus, it offers another way of sharing the story with the whole group and getting your children used to acting out stories together.

However you choose to use these scripts, the goal remains the same, to invite children to explore, imagine, and move together.

How to Use This Script:

These scripts work just like the Story Steps videos, designed for the whole group to act out together.

Read a section of the story aloud, then use the purple prompts in brackets, to invite children to respond with actions or words. Give the children time to respond and enjoy watching how they bring the story to life.

As with the acting out in Helicopter Stories, resist the urge to demonstrate the actions, just ask the children to move and see what happens. Children will find their own way to show the story; nothing they do is wrong.

Continue reading and acting, one section at a time. The whole activity will take about 5 minutes.



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(Let's all stand up.) Max is feeling sad. (Can you make a sad face?) Max is sad because all of his teddies have gone missing.

(Shall we help him search for them?) Let's look under the bed. (Bend down and have a look.) No, there are no teddies there.

Are they in his toy box? (Let's pretend we're opening the lid and looking inside.) No, they are not there either.

Max stands on tiptoe to see if his teddy bears are on the shelf. (Can you stand on tiptoe and see if they are up there?) No, no teddies there.

Max walks into the kitchen. Dinner is bubbling on the stove. (Shall we pretend to be the dinner bubbling away in a pan on the stove?)

Max looks in the fridge. (Let's open the door and peer inside the fridge.) No, they're not in there.

Could they be in the sink? (Let's reach into the sink and have a look.) Oh no, it's full of water! Now we're all wet. (Pretend you've been splashed and you are all wet.)

Time to get dry. (Let's have a big shake to get rid of the water.) There are no teddies in the sink.

Then, Max sees a note lying on the floor. (Can you pick up the note?) He reads it out loud. 'Dear Teddy Bears, 5pm this evening, the clearing. Don't be late.' (Shall we all say that? Dear Teddy Bears, 5pm this evening, the clearing. Don't be late.)



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Suddenly, the door to Max's wardrobe swings open, with a loud creak.
(Can you pretend to be the wardrobe door, swinging open and making a loud creaking sound?)

Max steps inside the wardrobe. (Let's step inside the wardrobe with him.)

There are lots of coats hanging down and Max has to push his way through them. (Can you pretend to push the coats out the way so you can get through?)

Max finds himself in a dark forest. It's nighttime and he can hear an owl hooting. (Let's pretend to be owls. Can I hear you making the sound of an owl? Let's fly, flapping our wings like an owl.)

Then, Max hears music playing in the distance. (Can you pretend that you can hear music?) He tiptoes towards the sound. (Can I see you walking on tiptoe like Max?)

Max finds himself in a clearing in the forest, and there in front of him are all his teddies, plus lots of other teddy bears he's never seen before. Max waves excitedly at them. (Shall we all wave too?) The teddies wave back.

Then everyone starts swaying in time to the music. (Let's pretend that we are swaying to the music too.) Soon everyone starts dancing. (Shall we all join in the dancing? Let's start twirling around.)

And then Max and the teddy bears all sit down and eat lots of food at the teddy bears' picnic. (Shall we all sit down, and pretend we are eating the yummy food at the teddy bears' picnic?)

