Storytime Activity Guide
The Carpenter
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A young boy learns the joy of curiosity and wonder when he puts down his electronics and plays with a carpenter’s folding measuring tape. His imagination soars as the measuring tape becomes new, incredible things—a house, a whale, an ocean of possibilities!

Did you know?
Sense of Self includes how to be in control of our bodies and impulses, what our emotions feel like, how to respond appropriately to emotions, and taking the lead with our own learning. In The Carpenter we see how a child’s natural curiosity and imagination leads to exploration, discovery, and problem solving.

Talk about it!
• The little boy plays with his electronics until the measuring tape seems more exciting. What games or activities do you play that are not electronics and are exciting and fun?
• When the whale begins to spout water, how does the little boy feel? How does the whale feel? How do you know?
• When the water gets too deep, both the little boy and the grown-up help solve the problem. What does the grown-up do to help? What does the little boy do to help?

Play: (activity with no materials)
Carpenters measure very carefully while they are doing their work. Try measuring different objects in your home.
1. Pick a tool to measure with. Your tool can be a ruler, measuring tape, or objects where you have more than one that are the same size like blocks, uncooked pieces of spaghetti, or unsharpened pencils.
2. Use your tool to measure things around you! You can measure how long, how wide, and how tall.
3. Make predictions about how long/wide/tall you think something will be and then measure it to see if your prediction was accurate!

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Create!

*Materiales: paper, a crayon or pencil to write with, 5-8 small, child-safe household objects*

The inside cover of *The Carpenter* has images of lots of different tools that a carpenter uses. A tool can be anything that helps you. For example, a toothbrush is a tool that helps you brush your teeth. Collect and create your own drawings of different tools you use!

1. Find something to write with (crayon, pencil, pen, marker) and a piece of paper.

2. Choose 5-8 objects from your home that are small enough to fit on the piece of paper at the same time.

3. Arrange the objects on your piece of paper and use your writing utensil to trace an outline of each object.

4. Remove the object from the paper, and if you want, color it in.

5. Repeat with all objects until you have traced and colored everything.

6. Talk about the different objects you traced and how you use them.