

DECORATE STORY STONES FOR CAMP PLAYATHOME OUTDOORS WEEK

How to Create Your Own Story Stones:

Story stones are an awesome craft that combines nature with art. Your kids should paint fun visuals (like a pirate ship, an alien, Camper Mom, or anything else visual that they can think of) onto smooth, flat stones that they can then use as visuals while you're telling stories around the campfire or at bedtime. To get started, here's everything you need:

- Smooth, flat stones (the more the better)





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- Some paint (preferably washable paint)



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- Disposable plates





- Paintbrushes





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-A workspace your kids can get messy

Before you start, have your kids give their story stones a good wash with soap and water, and then set them out to dry for an hour or so.

While the story stones are drying, have your kids think of some strong visuals they can paint to help with their storytelling. Encourage them to think of objects that will work well for lots of stories (things like the sun, a forest, or a road are good for a wide variety of stories).

Once your story stones are dry, lay them out in your workspace and start painting. Use the disposable plates as palettes for your kids to mix colors on. Once your kids are finished painting, leave the story stones out for a few hours so they can dry.







You're done! Next time you're gathered together around the campfire, break out your new story stones and take turns telling stories as a family!

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