

Resource 1.8: Sandy's Forest Adventure (1 of 3)

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This story is interactive. You should aim to get suggestions and ideas from students as much as possible and engage their senses. Alterations can be made to make details more culturally specific, such as food items and herbs.

Characters

Sandy

Mary

Sun

Trees

Bear

Monkey

Rain sound

Thunder

Props

Bag with fruit, nuts, pen, jumper, string and umbrella

Yellow sun

Lavender

Branches/twigs

Toy bear/image of bear

Bag of dry leaves/something that rustles

Toy monkey/image of monkey

Nuts

Paper circles

Water spray

Toy snake/image of snake

Drum with drumstick

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Sandy was getting ready to go for a walk in the forest. She wanted to collect some herbs for a big casserole she was cooking that evening as her good friend Mary was coming to dinner.

- **Give Sandy a hat or scarf.**

First she had to pack her bag. What do you think she took with her?

- **Fruit, nuts, pen, jumper, string, umbrella. Students to help place each item into a rucksack.**

Sandy put her bag on her back and put on her hat, and set off walking to the forest. It was a beautiful day! The sky was blue and the sun was bright.

- **Student to hold a yellow sun.**

Just as Sandy arrived at the forest, she saw splashes of colour all over the floor. Beautiful lavender was growing! She picked a piece of lavender to smell.

- **Pass lavender around for students to smell.**

There were lots of HUGE trees with big leaves. When she was young, Sandy used to love to climb these trees and pick apples from the tree tops.

- **Student to hold branches.**

Suddenly, Sandy saw something moving behind one of the trees. She was surprised, and stood very still. Then she heard a sound, it went 'Grrrrr!'

What do you think it was?

It was a bear! But only a baby one. The bear seemed more scared of Sandy than she was of it!

- **Hold up a toy bear or a picture of a bear. Can children make a bear sound too?**

Sandy said goodbye to the bear and carried on her journey. It was autumn and the leaves under her feet were crunchy.

- **Make some crunchy sounds using a bag of dry leaves.**

Suddenly a banana fell right on Sandy, head. 'Ouch!' said Sandy! She heard something above making sounds like 'Ooh ooh ooh'. It sounded like laughing! She looked up, and what animal do you think she saw, eating a banana?

A monkey!

- **Hold up a toy monkey or a picture of a monkey.**

'Oi!' shouted Sandy, 'You hit my head!' The monkey wanted to play. 'Ooh ooh ooh!' called the monkey. The monkey climbed down the tree and started climbing up Sandy's leg! He must be able to smell my banana or nuts, she thought. Sandy decided to give the monkey some nuts.

- **Students give some nuts to the monkey.**

When all the nuts were gone, the monkey climbed back up the tree.

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Next Sandy came to a river, flowing fast. 'How do I cross it?' she thought. She looked up and down, and saw some rocks in the river a little way up. She could use them to jump across.

- **Place circles onto floor to represent stepping stones. Demonstrate and then let students try jumping from one to the next.**

Sandy made sure her bag was on tightly, then got ready, and made a BIG jump onto the first rock. Then one more BIG jump to the second rock. Then to the last rock. But she got a bit of water on her, SPLASH!

- **Lightly spray students with water.**

Sandy climbed over a fallen tree, and stopped as she spotted what looked like rosemary. It was rosemary! Mmmmm, it smelled lovely!

- **Pass rosemary around for students to smell (can be substituted for any local herb).**

All of a sudden, it started to rain. 'Oh no', thought Sandy. 'I haven't found all my herbs yet!'

- **Make rain water sound using a shaker.**

Sandy took out her umbrella, and put it up.

- **Student to put umbrella up.**

Just then, Sandy saw something sssslithering on the floor. It looked like a....

- **See if students can guess.**

Snake! It was!

- **Hold up a snake toy or picture of a snake.**

Suddenly there was a loud BANG (drum) and a flash of light. Thunder!

- **Student to bang the drum.**

Sandy put the herbs in her bag and made her way back home. She said goodbye to the snake, went past the fallen tree, over the river, past the monkey swinging overhead, until she saw the lavender at the edge of the forest.

When Sandy got back home and made a delicious chicken casserole for her and her friend Mary. Then there was a knock at the door.

- **Student to make a knocking sound.**

It was Mary!

- **Student to be Mary and say 'Hello!'**

'Wow, what a delicious casserole,' said Mary. 'I hope you didn't go to too much trouble making it!'

'Not at all...' said Sandy, letting out a big sigh.