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BARNEY'S BIG IDEA

multi-sensory story



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- Brush **Barney, the caveman, has long, brown, bushy hair.**
Feel the bristle of the brush.
- Leaves /
Branches **Barney lives in a cave in a BIG forest.**
Hold/feel gathered leaves and branches.
- Candle /
Charcoal **Barney burns tree wood for his campfire. He uses the heat to cook his food and heat his water.**
Illuminate a candle or smell a piece of charcoal.
- Action **But using wood makes Barney SAD!**
Makaton sign for 'sad'.
- Ice Cube **Because Barney knows that burning tree wood will make the ice melt.**
Feel an ice cube of cold water.
- Action **One day, Barney woke up and felt unclean and smelly.**
Wave your hand in front of your face to imitate a bad smell. Repeat hand over hand with the listener.
- Torch **He stepped out of his cave and felt the sun's STRENGTH on his body.**
Shine a bright light on the listener's arm.
- Rain Stick
or Audio **Barney then listened to the sounds around him.**
Move the filled tube from side to side to imitate waves / play an audio clip (link below)
"Wow!" he thought, "I can hear the POWERFUL sea from here!"
- Bubbles **Barney could also see a bubbling, hot volcano in the distance.**
Blow bubbles above the listener
- Torch **"I have a GREAT idea!" thought Barney, "I can use the STRENGTH of the sun and the POWER of the sea to wash my clothes".**
Turn the torch on and off above listener's head to illuminate a 'lightbulb moment' idea.
- T-shirt **Barney went to the beach and scrubbed his clothes in the water.**
Vigorously rub a t-shirt together

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Action/
cloth

Then, he hung them up on a tree branch to dry using the **STRENGTH of the sun.**

But, OH NO! Some clouds have blocked the sun!

What will Barney do?

Cover the listener's eyes with their hands or place a cloth over the listener's face.

T-shirt and
Heated
pad/ or
stone

"WAIT!" Barney realised, "I can use the **HEAT from the volcano to dry my clothes!"**

Place the t-shirt on a heated pad or warmed stone.

Action

Barney is now so **HAPPY! He has found ways to use the local environment in a **GOOD** way. He doesn't have to cut down trees anymore!**

Sign 'thumbs up' to the listener.

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Items needed for this story

Brush – A bristle brush, or soft wire brush.

Leaves / Branches – Source leaves or branches that have naturally fallen to the ground.

Candle/ Charcoal – Choose one of the following: an electric candle, a traditional candle, or a lump of charcoal.

Ice Cube/ Cold Water – Choose one of the following: an ice cube, or a small bowl of cold water.

Torch

Rain Stick / Audio – Follow the instructions here to make your own rain stick: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Rain-Stick>. Alternatively, visit this link to listen to Sea Waves on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPhg6sc1Mk4>

Bubbles

T-Shirt

Cloth – such as a tea towel or blanket

Heated Pad/Stone – If a heated pad is unavailable, place a stone in warm water for a few minutes prior to telling the story so that it is warm to the touch.

Any links which are provided to external sources are for guidance only.

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