



Let's Use *Fairy Tales* to Inspire Kids to Explore Their Backyard

Read the stories and then try these language arts activities.



Write Persuasively About Which Superpower Is Best

FIRST: Read the Never Starting Tale of *Hercules*.

NEXT: Discuss what kinds of superpowers might be great to have when you are in your backyard (e.g., superhuman strength, invisibility, X-ray vision, etc.). Ask kids to brainstorm how superpowers might be useful or important. Have kids write persuasive pieces about why one superpower is better for being in your backyard. When they're finished, invite them to illustrate their work.

CHALLENGE: During dinner, ask family members to share which superpower they would want and why.



Retell a Story Where Everyone Spends Time Together in the Backyard

FIRST: Watch or read the Never Starting Tale of *Peter and Wendy*.

NEXT: Talk about how tough it is for everyone to limit device time. Help kids brainstorm activities to do together in the backyard. Ask kids to write their own story about when the adults in the Peter and Wendy story go out to have fun with the kids. Show kids how to use the attached worksheet to plan out their stories.

CHALLENGE: Have kids turn their story into a play and act it out at dusk in the backyard, just like Peter and Wendy. Take a video of the play and share it with friends and family to inspire others to do the same.



Develop a Backyard Bucket List

FIRST: Read the Never Starting Tale of *Cinderella*.

NEXT: Talk to kids about what Cinderella would have missed if she'd never gone outside. Explain that a bucket list is a list of things you'd like to accomplish. Use the attached worksheet to have kids develop their own backyard bucket list and post them on the fridge.

CHALLENGE: How many bucket list items can they get done over the course of the year? Ask kids to check off each item in their list as they complete them!



Which Superpower Is Best?

Draw three scenes of you using your superpower in your backyard.

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POW!

Write about why your superpower is best.

WOW

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Elements of a Fairy Tale



What Would Grown-ups Do in *Neverland*?

Character

Setting

Beginning

Middle

End

Problem

It can feel so boring doing the same thing over and over.

Solution

Brainstorm ways to discover adventure in your own backyard.

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My Backyard Bucket List

These are all the active things I want to do this year.

- ☐ 1. _____
- ☐ 2. _____
- ☐ 3. _____
- ☐ 4. _____
- ☐ 5. _____
- ☐ 6. _____
- ☐ 7. _____
- ☐ 8. _____
- ☐ 9. _____
- ☐ 10. _____

Check off each item in your list as you complete them.

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