

Story in the Round

Telling a Story in the Round is a fun, exciting, and creative way to share stories together. Don't be afraid to get silly!

Materials:

- (Optional) Chart paper

Directions:

1. (Optional) On a chart paper, write down the following reference prompts and hang it in a place where all participants can see:

Beginning: [once Upon a Time...

Middle: [Then...
And...
But...
Next...
So...
After that...
Because of that...

End: [Finally...



2. Have participants sit in a circle.
3. Explain that you will be creating a “Story in the Round” together. This means that each participant will add a sentence to a story you all create together on the spot!
4. Start the story with “Once Upon a Time.” The first prompt should include some characters and a setting (for example; “*Once Upon a time there was a young girl who lived in the woods.*”).
5. The person to your right should continue the story. If needed refer them to the chart and encourage them to start their sentence with any one of the “Middle” transition words (for example: “*And she had a little dog who loved to wander around*”).
6. Each participant around the circle should continue adding sentences to the story. At any point, someone can use the ending prompt “*Finally*” to end the story.

Tips:

- Encourage participants to listen to the prompts that come before theirs. Remind them that your goal together is to create a story that makes sense.
- It might help to announce a genre before the first prompt is given. You can create a scary story, a funny story, an adventure story, etc.