

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Here are a few suggested activities for playing outdoors or indoors with your child!

Instructions:

Watch American actor Reid Scott reading a story called "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble." The story is about a young donkey who finds a magic pebble that can make all his wishes come true. The lesson of the story is to be very careful what you wish for! This would make a good bedtime story for your little one. If you can, make this an active experience by sitting with your child while the story is being read. You can pause the video to talk every now and then. Ask what they think might happen next. See what the characters might be feeling.

Materials

[This YouTube video](#)



Why is this activity important? Reading aloud combines the benefits of talking, listening and storytelling within a single activity and helps to build the foundation for language development. From stories your child learns many things such as how to listen and concentrate, new words and understand why things happen. They also learn to put ideas in order, develop their memory skills, notice how spoken words relate to words on the page and learn how to predict. Reading gives your child a chance to develop their own opinions, build visual skills and learn how to handle books.