

Twelve Little Tales

Instructions

1. Read the starter tale. This will not only start your story for you, but it tells you where we are this month and introduces us to the characters we are adventuring with.

This can be a good time to name unnamed characters, talk more about the village or forest that we've found ourselves in or discuss other details such as what the weather might be, how it smells outside, what food the characters might like best for breakfast or what they see when they look out of one of their windows, peer from their den or peek from their nest. You can simply talk about it or write it down so you don't forget.

Remember: You are becoming the storyteller now.

Anything you come up with is PERFECT.

2. Choose one of the 12 story-starter cards. The cards are not meant to be in any specific order. Choose one at a time and see what happens - you can look through them all first, or not. The cards are offshoots of the starter tale. They are here to help start you off on many little adventures. Sometimes the cards stop mid-sentence and sometimes they simply offer a little scenario for you to imagine from.

3. You will find your own way to tell your tales. You will find a time of day that works best. Maybe you are sometimes too tired at bedtime - then you might choose to have a mid-morning or afternoon story-time. There are no "shoulds". Be inspired by the things around you in your home and in nature. Keep it short at first. Look at the children's faces filled with wonder as you weave your tales - this will inspire you more than anything else!

Homeschool Creative Writing!

Homeschool families have found a number of ways to use this tool for creative writing. Please view some photos and tips on the website.

Children are excellent storytellers. The prompts are simple but can be made into anything your child wants them to be. A little inspirations - endless possibilities!

More tips:

Find a storytelling hat or shawl • set up a storytelling corner • think of details - sounds, smells, sights • incorporate things that the children have done or love • and most important of all - have fun! • and please ask me questions - Mama.mama@twelvelittletales.com •

Happy Storytelling!