

Forts, Poems, Doodles and the Weirdest of Picnics **by Noodle Loaf for the** **Kids Listen Activity Podcast**

Here are four activities inspired by the episode. Choose one or more and let your imagination lead the way!

Activity #1: Build your greatest fort

Activity #2: Host your weirdest picnic

Activity #3: Write your rhymiest poem

Activity #4: Create the most mysterious doodle

Activity #1: Build Your Greatest Fort

suggested materials: pillows, chairs, blankets, construction paper, markers

You already know how to build a fort. Take some pillows, some chairs and some blankets and arrange them to make a cozy little hideaway. Today you are going to build your greatest fort ever. Here are the steps to get you going:

1. Build a fort.
2. Put some good things inside your fort. For example a flashlight, stuffies, books, etc.
3. Name your fort
4. Make a list of rules for your fort. For example, you must wear a wig to enter.
5. Add something to your fort that forts don't usually have. For example, a slide.
6. What do you see when you look out of your fort. For example, a field of sunflowers.
7. Bring markers and paper into the fort and design a flag with symbols representing the answers to instructions above.
8. Enjoy your great fort and share a photo of it on Instagram using the hashtag #fortograph

Activity #4 Create the Most Mysterious Doodle

materials: something to draw with & something to draw upon

To create your own guided doodle, begin by deciding what your mystery drawing will be. Don't tell anyone. Experiment with ways to draw that picture as simply as possible. The goal is to be able to get someone else to make the same drawing by giving them instructions on what to draw. Try to use simple shapes like circles and triangles when possible. Other shapes that are good for guided doodles: arcs, crescent moons, half circles, lines, wiggly lines, rectangles, squares and ovals. Once you have created your mystery drawing, practice saying the guided doodle a few times while drawing it. When you feel like the instructions and doodle are ready, find a friend, sibling or adult who is available to try out your guided doodle. Did they draw what you drew? If not, you can adjust your drawing and/or instructions and try it with someone else. Or you can call it a day!

Dan Saks, host of Noodle Loaf, would love to try out your guided doodle. If you like, ask an adult to record audio of you saying the instructions and send it to [**noodleloafshow@gmail.com**](mailto:noodleloafshow@gmail.com). Maybe it will even get played on Noodle Loaf!