

Bye Land, Bye Sea

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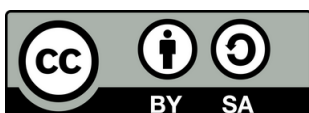


***Bye Land, Bye Sea* shows the story of two different children, lost, and who do not speak the same language. In order to escape from the island, they must work together, and no language barrier is able to stand in their way! This story demonstrates many ways of communicating and encourages trying multiple methods to get the other person to hear what you need to say.**

Activity Ideas for *Bye Land, Bye Sea*:

- Try talking through plastic cup telephones like the kids do to talk to each other from far away! Increase opportunities to explore sound science by using different materials, different thickness of string, and standing different lengths apart. See how these minor adjustments change how the messages sound!
- Try communicating to someone using music like how the girl blows into the sea-shell to tell the nino where she is. What items can be used to make music? How does the different sounds the objects make change the mood of the message? Singing or clapping along supports phonological awareness and is just plain fun!
- In this book, there are few words or explanations. Take the opportunity to encourage your child to tell you the story instead of the other way around. Creating stories helps children with narrative skills. When children listen to stories, they learn the structure of a story. By incorporating both, you give your child the opportunity to work on vocabulary and narrative skills!

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