



Adelaide's Secret World

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Suggested Activity :

Nature Walk and Craft

"...and at home, her head full of their stories, Adelaide would work into the night, taking a little bit of the world and making it her own." p.10

During the story we see how Adelaide uses both her imagination and her own experiences to create her own little miniature worlds. After reading this book with the children, allow them to do the same thing! Head out on an adventure together by going on a nature walk to collect materials for their project. You could go to the woods and collect twigs, leaves, moss and pinecones, or you could head to the beach to collect driftwood, sand, pebbles and shells. Once you have everything you need, each child can create their own miniature world by glueing the things they collected into a large jar, dish or empty shoebox (if you are doing this activity with younger children, something with a larger opening like a shoebox would be a lot easier for them to manipulate). If your budget allows, offer small, plastic animal, insect or human figurines for them to add to their creation. They could also create their own using modelling clay, or draw them on cardboard and cut them out. Imagination is key to this activity!

Once everyone has finished, each child can show his miniature world to the rest of the group. Encourage them to think about and discuss the story it represents - what is the setting? Who are the characters? What are the characters doing, how are they feeling and why?

Allow the children to take pride in their own work by inviting the parents, or other groups to come visit and admire their original creations and hear about the wonderful stories they represent!