

Story Overview:

Have you ever given a child a present and they have loved the box more?

The boy in this story loves collecting things, especially cardboard boxes.

He makes more and more amazing things from boxes, until his work is noticed by an art gallery director who gives him a big exhibition.

He tires of artistic fame though, and goes back home to play with his boxes, until one day he discovers a new collectible, with potential, inside a box – bubble wrap!

Introduction:

Decorate a box with fancy wrapping, ribbons, stickers etc . . . Hide the book inside your box. Use the box as an exciting way to introduce your story. Maybe this could become a special Story Time box that you regularly use to create some excitement and anticipation for Story Time?

After Reading:

Look at the illustration of the boy and his dad building his brand new bed. Can the children guess what the piece of paper with writing on it might be?

Discuss other times you might need instructions.

What other ways can you show children that writing (and reading) has a purpose?

Have another look at *The Box Boy's* Eiffel Tower. Do the children know anything about it? Show children a picture of the real Eiffel Tower either in a book or search on Google Images. Find France on a world map or globe.

Sing:

Sing some French songs:

- Frere Jacques
- Alouette, Gentile Alouette

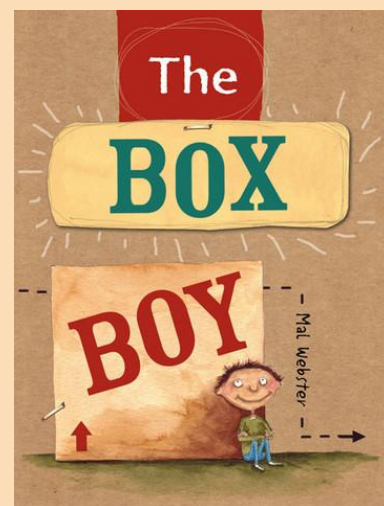
www.mamalisa.com has the words and music for many French songs.

Make a wall for Humpty Dumpty out of empty recycled boxes. Put Humpty (any cuddly toy will do) on the wall and sing the song as he falls down.

Create:

BEDTIME BOXES

Make a bed out of a box for a favourite toy to sleep in. You can find a template here



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ART IN PICTURE
BOOKS

This *Learning Time* has been developed for libraries, playgroups and child care centres to use during their Story Time sessions.

It can easily be adapted to use in the home.

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<http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/resources/tuck-me-in-activity-time>

IDEA FOR HOME

Suggest to parents that they visit their local supermarket for some empty boxes for their children to create with. Furniture and electrical stores are a great source of extra large boxes.

ACTIVITY TIME

There are free instructions and printable templates on our website to make these fantastic box constructions.



Play:

Building with blocks is great for children's fine motor development, creativity, imagination and problem solving. Create challenges for the children:

- What can you make with 10 blocks?
- Use only red blocks, what can you make?
- Can you copy what I made?
- Give children plastic animals and ask them to make homes for the animals with the blocks.

A large vertical area with a light orange background and horizontal dotted lines for writing.