

Storytime Activity Guide

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Adapted from a South African folktale, this is the story of a little boy and his father as they save their village from the monster Abiyoyo!

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Play:

1. Gather some crafting materials to make a monster mask.
2. Draw your monster's scary teeth and give him a big grin. Decorate your mask any way you like.
3. Put on your mask and act like a monster!

Materials:

- blank sheets of paper
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Learn:

1. If you could have any kind of super tool, like the father and his magic wand or the boy's ukelele, what would yours be?
2. How would you feel if you were ostracized from your friends? What would you do?
3. Talk about folktales, what they are and where they come from. What are some other folktales you know?

Practice:

- ukelele
- wand
- ostracized
- magician

Now try this!

When you've created your monster mask, talk about what makes your monster unique. Give your monster a name. What does your monster like to do? Where does he live? What does he like to eat? Keep the fun going by making up a song just for your monster, and a special dance, too!