

Storytime Activity Guide

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez

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When Sofia's abuelo hurts his ankle falling in a landfill, she is ready to take action to clean up the landfill and build a beautiful park. But when she visits City Hall, everyone tells her she can't get it done because she's just a kid. Sofia doesn't take no for an answer and shows the world that kids should be taken seriously when they talk, especially when they say they want to make a difference in the world.

Did you know?

Asking questions about what will happen next, comparing ideas, and making predictions are all parts of developing **critical thinking**! Let your child practice making predictions and asking questions as you read *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* together.

Talk about it!

- Sofia and her abuelo are helpers in their community. Who are the helpers in your community? What do they do? How do they help? How can you be a helper?
- Sofia and her neighbors make a list of what they would love at their park. If you were to design a new park, what would you include in your plan?

Play: (activity with no materials)

Take a walk to the park, think and share out loud about ways you could make the park better for everyone in your community. Don't hold back and think of ideas from the most simple to the most outlandish and fantastical.

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Play some more: Litter Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk in your neighborhood, visit your local park, or go on a nature hike and pick up litter. Once you get home, separate your trash and see what can be recycled or composted.

Before starting, look at the image below of Mt. Trashmore from *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*. Ask your child: What types of trash did you see in the landfill? How can trash hurt our environment? What should we do with our trash? How do we separate the materials?



- Materials needed:**
- paper and pencil
 - gloves
 - trash bags
 - hand sanitizer

1. Think about and discuss the types of trash you may find on your hike, in the park, or during a neighborhood walk.
2. Together, make a scavenger hunt list of the trash you will try to find on your hike, park visit, or neighborhood walk (i.e soda can, water bottle, face mask, candy wrapper, fast food wrapper, bottle cap/lid, paper, plastic utensil, straw, plastic cup, plastic bag, glass bottle). Hand write and/or use magazines, grocery store mailers, or drawings to create your scavenger hunt list.
3. Head out somewhere in nature that you love, or take a walk in your neighborhood. Using your gloves and trash bag, start hunting for litter. Pick up as much litter as you can during a specific period of time. Check off the types of litter that you find if any match with your scavenger hunt items.
4. Once you've picked up a bunch of litter, take some time to enjoy the beautiful area that you just cleaned up. The animals, plants, and neighbors will enjoy it too! Don't forget to wash your hands or use sanitizer when you are done.
5. Once home, sort and separate the different litter you collected. Determine together if the item can be recycled, composted, or should go in the trash can.

