

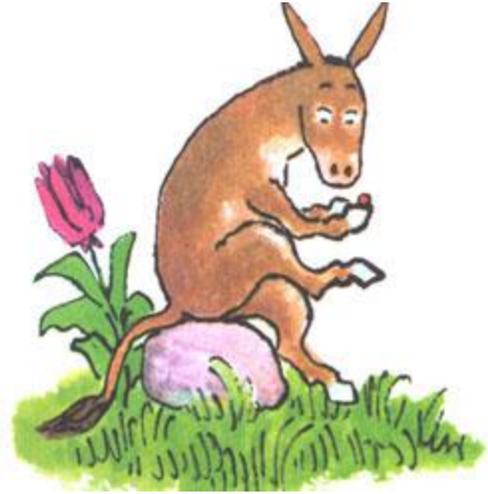
# Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

## Description of Program:

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Sylvester and the Magic Pebble with a few magic tricks, stories, and a craft. For age 6 - 9.

## Program Plans:

To start the program, ask the children what they would wish for if they had one wish. Read Sylvester and other magic books. Demonstrate and teach a couple of magic tricks. End the program with a craft and a snack.



## Stories:

*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

*The Amazing Bone* by William Steig

On Her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.

*Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock* by Eric Kimmel

Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until little Bush Deer decides Anansi needs to learn a lesson.

## Songs/Fingerplays:

*I Wish I Were* (Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap, bar of soap.

Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap, bar of soap.

I'd go slidy, slidy, slidy, over everybody's body.

Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap.

Oh, I wish I were a little juicy orange . . .

I'd go squirty, squirty, squirty, over everybody's shirty.

Oh, I wish I were a little blob of mud . . .

I'd go gooey, gooey, gooey, over everybody's shoey.

Oh, I wish I were a little cookie crumb . . .

I'd go crumby, crumby, crumby over everybody's tummy.

Oh, I wish I were a little radio, radio.

Oh, I wish I were a little radio, radio.

I'd go CLICK!

## Craft Ideas

### *Magic Pebble*

Supplies: Stones, Paints, Paintbrush, Glitter

Choose a stone and paint a magical design on it. Sprinkle it with glitter before it dries.

### *Magic Folder*

Slip a note into this magic folder and watch it evaporate into thin air by simply closing the folder up and opening it again. Instructions for this craft can be found in Bull, Jane. *The Best Craft Book Ever*. New York: DK Publishers, 2006. (p 76-79)

### *Wish Box*

Supplies: Small Cardboard Jewelry Boxes, Magazines, Old Wrapping Paper, Glue, Scissors

Decorate boxes with magazine images and old wrapping paper. Then have the kids write wishes on small pieces of paper to put inside the box.

## Activities or Games:

### *Magic Pebble Memory Game*

Cut 30 circles from light-weight cardboard to represent pebbles. Make 15 unique pairs of images of things kids would wish for. Glue those images on the 30 circles. Mix up the pebbles and lay them face down to play game. The object of the game is to match pairs of images. The person with the most at the end of the game wins.

### *Magic Tricks*

Demonstrate and teach the kids some magic tricks to amaze their friends. Simple magic tricks can be found at: <http://www.kidzone.ws/magic/index.htm> and in numerous books.

### *Invisible Ink Messages*

Make invisible ink with the kids and have them write secret messages to be decoded when they get home. Visit <http://www.kidzworld.com/article/3844-making-invisible-ink-appear> for invisible ink recipes.

## Snacks:

Dirt Cups with Jellybean Rocks - <http://www.kraftfoods.com/kf/recipes/dirt-cups-57763.aspx>