



Family Activities

Title: **Abiyoyo**

Author: **Pete Seeger**

Illustrator: **Michael Hays**

Folk singer and storyteller Pete Seeger performs this “story song,” based on a South African lullaby and folk story, in which a boy and his father come up with a plan to save the townspeople from the giant Abiyoyo. LeVar reveals some of the ways a story can be told with music, including an upbeat music video, a rap music performance by the group Run DMC, a professional dance group’s interpretation of “Beauty and the Beast,” and computer animation accompanied by music.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Giant, May We Cross Over?

Everyone can play this game. The more players you have, the merrier.

Establish a “safe zone” at each end of the playing field. A total space of about 25 feet is ideal.

1. The “giant” stands on one safety line and the rest of the players line up along the other safety line facing the “giant.”
2. As a group, players ask, “Giant, may we cross over?”
3. The “giant” answers, “Not unless you... (wear something red, have brown hair, have on white sneakers, have the letter P in your name, and so on...)”
4. Players who qualify can pass to the other side. Other players try to make a run for it. If caught by the “giant,” the players change roles and the game resumes with a new “giant.”

Tambourines

You can make your own music with a homemade tambourine.

You will need:

- 2 paper plates
- stapler or tape
- dry beans or peas
- crayons or markers



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Use crayons or markers to color the bottom side of the paper plates to make them very special. Staple together the two plates with the coloring on the outside. Leave a small opening to insert the beans or peas. Then finish stapling the two plates together so the beans or peas won't fall out.

You are ready to shake, rattle, and roll! Enjoy making your own music. Try and keep time with music playing on the radio or television!

OPTION: If you have no paper plates, use a plastic or cardboard container with a lid, such as a margarine tub or snack food can. Cover the outside with paper and decorate. Place dried beans or peas inside.

Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

Peter and the Wolf, adapted from the musical tale by Sergei Prokofiev, illustrated by Erna Voigt

Skip to My Lou by Robert Quackenbush

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Glen Rounds