

Presentation 2: The Story Behind the Stories

Follow-Along Handout

As you watch: Use this handout to follow the main ideas, complete a few key points, and reflect on how stories can influence children's learning and growth.

The Personal Journey Behind the Series

As a child, Dr. Grace LaJoy Henderson grew up in _____ and experienced many challenges. Caring adults helped her believe in herself and encouraged her to keep _____ and moving forward.

Those experiences later inspired a desire to create stories that encourage children, strengthen families, and support educators.

Why Stories Matter

Children often remember a lesson because they remember a _____.

Stories can help children:

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| ✓ explore feelings | ✓ solve problems |
| ✓ understand consequences | ✓ develop empathy |

More Than Something Children Watch

From the beginning, the goal was for every story to become an opportunity for:

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| • learning | • discussion |
| • reflection | • creativity |
| • positive character development | |

Every story is accompanied by free printable activities that encourage children to continue _____, _____, and _____ together.

A Quick Reflection

Think of a story from your own childhood that taught you something or stayed with you. What made it memorable?

One way a story can help a child learn or grow:

KEY TAKEAWAY

Stories can become powerful learning experiences when children are given opportunities to discuss, reflect, create, and continue learning after the story ends.

Next: Presentation 3 - Every Story Becomes a Complete Learning Lesson