

## Story #2

# Learning with Stories

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People learn from stories. People often tell one another their experiences. As they listen, they learn.

Once, my mom was teaching me to tie my shoes. She told me a story about how her grandfather taught her to tie her shoes. I tried it, practiced it, and learned how to tie my shoes.

Another time, I was afraid to go down the slide on the school playground. I wanted to try it. I stood and watched other children climb the stairs of the slide, sit on the top, and slide down. I wondered if I could do that. My kindergarten teacher, Mr. Burns, came up and stood next to me. He told me a story. When he was a boy, he was afraid of going down the slide, too. "Did you try it?" I asked. He said he did. Mr. Burns said it really helped to look up as he climbed the stairs. I thought that might work for me. I went down the slide, and it was okay!

Last Tuesday it was raining. I didn't want to wear my raincoat. My sister, Madison, said it might be better to "just wear it." Then she told me a story. One day last year, it was raining. She didn't wear her raincoat to school. She got wet. Madison was cold, damp, and uncomfortable for the first hour of class. I decided to wear my raincoat to be dry and comfortable.

I am learning each day. People keep telling me their stories. I will try to keep listening, and learning. ■

