

Sensory and Music Story: Bonfire Night!!

This 'Sensory and Music Story' has been designed to be used either by a parent / carer and child at home, or as part of a Music Therapy session, led by a Music Therapist via Zoom.

Hints and tips:

- Gather all the props before you start. If you do not have everything exactly, don't worry – any improvisations are fine!
- Familiarise yourself with the story and what happens where. Think how you will use the props and songs to make the most impact and sense to the child you are working with.
- It is natural to feel self-conscious about singing, but there are no 'X Factor' style judgements being made about your voice! If you can sing with more confidence and volume then that will make more of an impact – it does not matter if you are out of tune (or think you are!).
- If you have other small instruments at home, you may want to use these with the child you are working with during the songs.
- Read the story slowly, repeating the part of the story that has just been read when feeling the relevant props. If the child is responsive to a certain part – or you know from previous experience that they will enjoy something – then stay longer with that prop or song.

Props:

cat or dog (real or otherwise!) in a 'bed' / blanket
scarf and hat

Candle (and matches – where safe!)

Bubble wrap

Gloves

A skewer or similar to be a 'sparkler'

Bucket / container of water to put 'sparkler' in

Blanket

Torch / sensory lights

Musical instruments

Bells / chimes

The Story:

It was a lovely autumn day – where shall we go today? It is the week of Bonfire Night – so we should go in search of a fireworks display!!

Sing: We're all Going to the Fireworks today

We were excited to go and see the massive bonfire and some fireworks – but why did we do that? The rhyme said...

*Remember, remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder treason and plot.
We see no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot!*

Well ok! We would just go out and enjoy the fireworks!

Before we went out, we needed to make that our pets were somewhere safe – they often like don't like the loud bangs!

Feel: Put cat or dog (real or otherwise!) in a 'bed' / blanket

We got ready to go out into in the cold November evening, putting our scarves and hats on.

Feel: Put scarf and hat on

When we got to the big Fireworks Display, they were just about to light the bonfire. We counted down... 5,4,3,2,1 And it was alight!

Feel: Light a candle (after the countdown!)

Sing: Bonfire's Burning

We could hear the fire burning and crackling!

Feel / listen: Scrunch some bubble wrap to sound like the crackling of the fire!

Then we went in search of some sparklers! First of all we had to put on our gloves...

Feel: Put on some gloves

Then we were given a sparkler! When they were lit we all wrote our names in the air with them!

Feel: Write your name in the air with the 'sparkler' (a skewer or similar)

When the sparklers came to the end we had to dispose of them safely – we put them into a bucket of water.

Feel: Put your 'sparkler' into a bucket of water

It was nearly time for the big fireworks display! Some of the fireworks have been put to music...

Watch / listen: Greatest Showman Fireworks Display:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe-8QopJn9k>

Everyone went 'ahhhhh' as the fireworks wooshed up, and 'ooooooooo' as the zoomed and 'ah!' when they BANGED!

Sing: The Firework Song

It was getting really cold though, so we decided to go home and have our own fireworks display in the warm!

Feel: Under a blanket so it is dark, use torch/ sensory lights
Listen / sing: Katy Perry 'Firework'

Our indoor fireworks display was lovely and snug and cozy! We were pretty sleep now – and the stars had definitely all come out!! Thank you for coming to the fireworks!

Sing: Twinkle twinkle

Song Words

We're all going to see Fireworks Today

We're all going to see fireworks today
Fireworks today, fireworks today
We're all going to see fireworks today
In a big display!

Will they go fizz, fizz, fizz?
Will they go whizz, whizz, whizz?
Will they go boom boom boom?
Will they go zoom, zoom, zoom?

Bonfire's Burning *(to the tune London's Burning)*

Bonfire's burning, Bonfire's burning,
Getting hotter, Getting hotter,
Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
Bonfire's burning, Bonfire's burning.

The Fireworks Song *(to the tune Wheels on the Bus)*

The rockets in the sky go swish swish bang,
Swish swish bang, swish swish bang
The rockets in the sky go swish swish bang,
On bonfire night!

The Catherine wheels spin round and round,
Round and round, round and round
The Catherine wheels spin round and round
On bonfire night!

The jumping jacks go jump bang jump,
Jump bang jump, jump bang jump
The jumping jacks go jump bang jump
On bonfire night!

Firework – Katy Perry

'Cause baby you're a firework
Come on, show 'em what you're worth
Make 'em go "Oh, oh, oh"
As you shoot across the sky-y-y

Baby, you're a firework
Come on, let your colors burst
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"
You're gonna leave 'em falling down-own-own

Boom, boom, boom
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon
It's always been inside of you, you, you
And now it's time to let it through-ough-ough

'Cause baby you're a firework
Come on, show 'em what you're worth
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"
As you shoot across the sky-y-y

Baby, you're a firework
Come on, let your colors burst
Make 'em go "Oh, Oh, Oh"
You're gonna leave 'em falling down-own-own

Boom, boom, boom
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon
Boom, boom, boom
Even brighter than the moon, moon, moon

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Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are

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