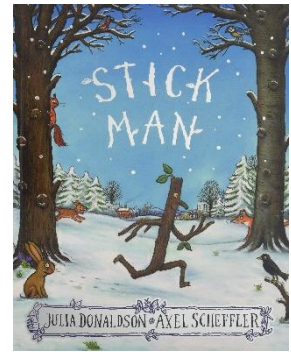


Stick Man

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- Just like the Stick Man in the story, sticks can be used as all sorts of things. Take it in turns in your family to hold out a stick and say 'This isn't a stick it's a!' and come up with different things that your stick could be. A magic wand, a guitar, a conductor's baton, a flute, etc. Do the action that goes with your idea and ask everyone to copy you.
- Stick Man is away from his family for a long time. Write a letter or a postcard home from Stick Man explaining where you are and how you are feeling.
- Create a story map of Stick Man's adventures and all the different things he was used for. Ask the children to tell you the story again using this map.
- Make some Stick Man biscuits using chocolate fingers - a full one for his body and half pieces for his arms and legs. Use icing for eyes and leaves and join the pieces together with melted chocolate.
- Go on a scavenger hunt outside and find twigs, leaves, pinecones, seeds, in fact anything natural. Bring them home and lay them out to make pictures of Stick Man and his family.
- Make a model of Stick Man using a kitchen roll tube decorated with googly eyes and pipe cleaners or twigs for arms.
- Make a tree for Stick Man to live in with his family - use bark rubbings (hold a piece of paper over a tree trunk and rub with a crayon) to make the trunk and print with leaves (paint real leaves and press down on paper) then cut them out to stick on the picture for the leaves.
- Collect different sticks and twigs when out walking and order them in size. Some children might be able to measure them with a ruler too or use non-standard measurements such as finger widths, hand lengths, etc. Use language such as longest/shortest/fattest/widest/thinnest.
- Stick Man floats out to sea. Find other objects that can float.
- If you have a sandpit or live near a beach, make a sandcastle like the one in the story and design your own flag for the top.
- Draw a family tree for your own family naming all the people in it and drawing pictures of them.
- Make your own stick family using the correct number of sticks for your family and tie them together with a ribbon/piece of string/elastic band and attach a note about your family.

