

# STORY TIME LIVE!

## 3/1 Family Storytime with Miss Amy

Action Rhyme

### One Dinosaur Went Out to Play

One dinosaur went out to play  
In a giant swamp one day  
She had such enormous fun  
That she called for another dinosaur to come:

Raise hands to cup mouth, and call loudly:  
Oh, Diiiiiiiiinosaur!

(Slap hands on thighs to make “running”  
sounds.)

Two dinosaurs went out to play...  
Three dinosaurs...  
Four dinosaurs...

Five dinosaurs went out to play  
In a giant swamp one day  
They had such enormous fun  
That they played until the day was done!

### Books Used

*Crunch the Shy Dinosaur*  
by Cirocco Dunla published by Random House

*If I Had a Unicorn* by Gabby Dawnay  
published by Thames and Hudson

### **Activity!**

#### Trapped in Ice!

Materials: large bowl or tub, objects frozen in an ice block (could use ice cube tray, baggies, or smaller plastic bowls), spoon, cup/squirt bottles, warm water, towels

This activity will work your child’s hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills (small movements), sensory skills (touch, sight), and problem-solving skills.

Ask your child what toys they would want to freeze in ice and rescue later, or gather up natural materials (sticks, evergreen twig, leaves) to freeze. Select a container to add the items to and then add water and set in freezer for at least 24 hours – until frozen solid. Your child will see that for this activity you start with a liquid, then it turns into a solid, and then to liquid again!

Once the objects are frozen, set in a large bowl or tub, and let your child see if they can help the objects escape the frozen ice! You can help guide them with warm cups of water, or even putting the ice chunk into a bowl of warm water. This will help keep your child’s hands a bit warmer when working with the ice. If you want to take this activity further – once objects are freed from the ice, you can add more water and ask:

What objects float to the top and what objects sink to the bottom? Can you squirt the floating objects with a squirt bottle? See if you can move them from one side to the other. Pick up an object and see if it sinks fast or slow?