

Bag Books:

Kofi and the Magic Shaker

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Check out the [Persona Activity Hub](#) for the 'Kofi and the Magic Shaker' video or the [Persona Care and Support YouTube channel](#)

Materials list

If you don't have these items, have fun with getting creative and replace them with something similar.

- Map outline of Africa
- Cushion/cloth
- Kente shirt or material that can be draped on the body
- Cricket sound affect: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8E_zMLCRNg
- Sandal
- Sand paper
- Coconut
- A cuddly spider toy or make one out of pipe cleaners
- A picture of two eyes and a smile
- Squeaky ball
- Xylophone
- Pom pom
- A shaker or a jar with rice in it
- African music <https://youtu.be/W05LPtVm5hY>
- Toy bird mobile on a stick
- Fan
- Balloon pump

Telling the story

When telling the story, read aloud the words in **bold** text.

The *italic* text describes the actions/style that the reader will need to follow, which are associated with the words and bring that part of the story to life.

Kofi lived in Africa where the weather was always WARMMM.

Help them to feel the outline of the map shape, remove the cushion and cup their chin with the cushion as you say "it was WARMMM"

One day Kofi put on his kente shirt...

The story teller place the kente shirt/ material on the listener.

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And his favourite sandals and went outside to play.

Place their hand inside the sandal and help them to drag it down the sand strip three times.

"PHEW it's VERY hot today" said Kofi "and the crickets think so too!"

Play the cricket sound

And he went to sit under a coconut tree in the shade.

They hold and feel a coconut

Just as he sat down a strange looking spider crept down the tree.

The storyteller lowers and bounces the spider on and around their head and then down their arm!

It had two large eyes and seemed to be smiling.

They feel each eye and then the mouth.

"Why have you come here?" whispered the spider

Help them to squeeze the ball as you repeat "whispered the spider"

"I've come here to cool down" said Kofi

"Ha ha ha ha" laughed the spider, "I know a BETTER way" and he ran back up the tree

Help them to hold the stick and run it up from the bottom to the top of the xylophone

And started shaking and shaking the branches.

They shake the pom pom

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Then out of the tree fell a small African shaker. So Kofi started to play the shaker.

Turn on the African music and help them shake the shaker to the rhythm.

And as he played, lots of BEAUTIFUL birds flew out of the trees and swirled around him.

Help them hold the stick and swing the birds backwards and forwards

And as the birds flapped their wings, Kofi felt a nice breeze all around his body.

Allow the listener to hold the fan to fan themselves

"Wow" smiled Kofi "next time I'm hot I'll know JUST what to do!" And he turned to thank the spider but the spider had DIS-AP-PEARED!

Puff the listener three times with the balloon pump for each syllable of "disappeared"