READ, CLAP, AND RHYME

Zara Builds a Strong Sandcastle

Zara Builds with Damp Sand | Suggested ages 3-5

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the words together, clap a gentle beat, or make up your own tune.

A rhyme based on an earlier story edition; some words and events differ from the reading edition.

Print on US Letter at actual size, or choose Fit for A4. Use single-sided printing for activity cards. Black-and-white printing is suitable.

Intro

Zara brings her pail of blue

To build a castle strong and new.

Verse 1

Dry sand crumbles, grain by grain.

That first tower cannot remain.

Too much water makes a pool.

Zara moves and tries a new rule.

Chorus

Little water, mix and pack.

Test a plan and try it back.

Damp sand holds when pressed just right.

Small changes make the tower stand.

Keep the rhyme going

Verse 2

One small cup goes in the sand.

Zara mixes with her hand.

Pack the bucket, tap just once,

Lift it straight - the castle stands!

Final Chorus

Little water, mix and pack.

Testing helped improve the plan.

By the pail, the tower stays.

Zara cheers on sunny day.

Outro

If it falls, learn what to do.

Try one careful change that's new.

Make the rhyme your own

Draw a favorite moment from the rhyme. Tell someone about your picture.

A word or line I like