Trashy Town

This interactive storytime emphasizes the importance of reducing the amount of garbage we produce, and introduces the concepts of recycling and reusing.

BOOKS

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I Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback

I had a little overcoat much too old to sew,
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
Whatever could I do with it, I just didn’t know.
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
So, I thought what I could do
And made myself a jacket that was almost new
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la,
I made myself a jacket that was almost new!

Additional verses, substitute for underlined words:
Jacket ~ made myself a vest
Vest ~ made myself a scarf
Scarf ~ made myself a tie
Tie ~ made myself a kerchief
Kerchief ~ made myself a button

I had a little button, wherever did it go,
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
Whatever did I do with it, I just didn’t know.
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
So I thought what I could do,
But all I had was nothing neither old or new
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la,
All I had was nothing neither old or new.

All I had was nothing, and nothing much to sew,
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
What could I do with nothing, I just didn’t know,
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la
So I thought what I could do
And sang myself a song and I sing this song to you.
La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la,
I sang myself a song and I sing this song to you.
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**Button Factory**

My name is Flo and I work in a button factory,
I have a boss who’s getting meaner by the year.
One day he came, he said,
“Hey Flo, are you busy?”
I said “No!”
He said, “Push this button over here,
Use your right hand.”

*Additional verses:*
Left hand
Right foot
Left foot
Tongue

*Last verse:*
My name is Flo and I work in a button factory,
I have a boss who’s getting meaner by the year.
One day he came, he said,
“Hey Flo, are you busy?”
I said “Yes!!!”

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**The More We Get Together**

The more *(tap fingertips of both hands together)* we get together, together, together
*(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)*
The more *(tap fingertips of both hands together)* we get together
*(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)*
The happier we’ll be
*(brush hands on chest in upward motion)*
‘Cause your friends are my friends
*(hook one pointer finger over the other, hold outward)*
And my friends are your friends
*(turn hands over to reverse positions, draw hands toward self)*
The more *(tap fingertips of both hands together)* we get together
*(put fists together, thumbs on top and move hands in circular motion)*
The happier we’ll be
*(brush hands on chest in an upward motion)*