Celebrating the 90th anniversary of ‘The Little Engine That Could’

Cherished by readers for ninety years, ‘The Little Engine That Could’ is a classic tale of a little engine that, despite her size, triumphantly pulls a train full of wonderful things to the children waiting on the other side of a mountain.

Dolly Parton reads ‘The Little Engine That Could’ in the first video of her new read-aloud series, ‘Goodnight with Dolly’

In this series, Dolly reads select Imagination Library books, all carefully chosen for their appropriate content at this moment in time.

Watch the video at Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT9fv_ELbnE

The Little Engine That Could
Fun things to do!

Create your own train

Use furniture, cushions and chairs for the engine and carriages. Toys or the family can be the passengers. Find a hat for the engine driver and make some paper tickets. All aboard!

What’s really going on when children pretend?

Pretend play is one of the most important ways that children learn about themselves and the world around them. Visit the CBeebies page at the BBC website for ways to support your child’s pretend play at home: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/biggleton-value-of-pretend-play

I Think I Can, I Think I Can, I Think I Can ...

Can you pull just like the Little Engine? Pull your toys along on a blanket or in a box. Could you pull Mum or Dad along? Or can they pull you along? Have a game of tug of war. Sit down so you don’t fall over. Use a blanket or towel. Then pull!

These are fun games and help to build muscles and strength.

Making ten minutes a day to share books with your child will make a huge difference to their development

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