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## PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Once Upon a Playtime

Everyone likes toys and playing games, especially over doing chores or being bored with nothing to do. Think about, when children played together in historical times, what was different, and what was just like today?

1. Look at the list below and:
  - a. **Circle** the activities children did long ago;
  - b. Put a **star** next to the ones that are/were played outside;
  - c. And, **X-out** the games that were not possible to play long ago.

Hide and seek	Hoop and stick races	Checkers and chess
Riding bicycles	Crossword puzzles	Coloring books
Catching a ball	Pokémon cards	Marbles
Video games	Climbing a tree	Watching TV
Reading books	Barbie dolls	Jump rope

2. Name five games that are played with a ball?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you have a favorite toy when you were little? What about now?

**LITTLE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TODAY:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Children long ago didn't have fancy toys or sports equipment when they played. They used their imaginations to make simple games entertaining or invent new ones. **Can you invent a game using a rope, a blanket, a bucket and some small stones?** Use the back of this paper to explain your game using words or drawings.

