

Hello Parents!

Things have become a bit uncertain lately and we hope you are staying well. To help you and your kids relax and learn here are some activity ideas you can use in addition to our relaxing stories and meditations.

While our stories are designed with ages 3-8 in mind, many older children and adults enjoy our episodes as a way to relax as well. And, if your kids need to nap during the day, you will find our stories help them settle into that routine as well.

Activities for Hello!

Tanner the toad greets a new friend with the customary "Hello!" Since the other toad doesn't respond, Tanner tries a different approach.

(<https://www.ahwayisland.com/hello/>)

Comparing: Learning about "Same" and "Different:"

After listening to the story, ask your child(ren) to consider the ways in which Tanner and Tad are different and the ways in which they are the same.

Here are some options to add movement and creativity:

Create three stations, each with a large sheet of paper, a set of crayons, markers, pencils, and/ or pictures to glue. Have your kid(s) hop like toads to the next station.

- At one station, have kids add the characteristics that make Tad different.
- At another station, have kids add the characteristics that make Tanner different.
- At the last station, have kids add the characteristics that Tad and Tanner share.

Use the Venn diagram worksheets and the sheets from the three stations to discuss:

- How are the characters the same?
- How are the characters different?
- How are you like the character(s)? How are you different?

Fill out the Venn diagram together.

Worksheets are available for downloading on KidsListen and our website on our activities page <https://www.ahwayisland.com/activities/>.

Enjoy, and stay well!

