

## CHRISTIE MATHESON INSPIRED MOVEMENT & LITERACY ACTIVITY

This is a scavenger hunt type activity that takes place outside. To prep – print this PDF and cut out the clues below. Tape each one to the spot indicated on the clue. For example, the **second clue** was taped to the tallest tree mentioned in the first clue. The third clue was on the other large tree in our outside space mentioned in the second clue and so on.

When you are ready to play, give your kids or small group the **first clue** and that will lead them to their next. Along the way they will read each clue (if they are able – an adult can help if not) and do different simple movement activities inspired by one of Christie Matheson's books. At the end when they run to you – their leader, feel free to have them just transition to the next activity (my kids ran inside for snack when they were done) or they could receive some kind of small prize from you.

Tap the tallest tree once and look for your next clue.

Rub a different tree to make it warm and look for your next clue.

Run through the grass and look for your next clue by the smallest tree.

Knock on each chair and look for your next clue under the farthest one.

Flutter your fingers by the bird feeder and look for your next clue.

Collect 3 leaves, throw them up, and look for your next clue under the table.

Push the swing to make it go and look for your next clue.

Lay down and blow gently like the breeze then ask for your next clue.

Stay there and watch. Do you see a bird? Watch it fly and then run to your leader.