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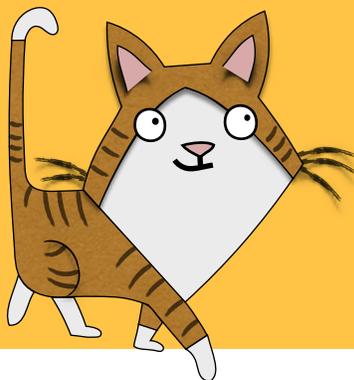
Lou and her friends use their imaginations to become anything they want. One day, they imagine the top of a tree is actually a pirate ship. Lou has never climbed a tree before. What will she do?

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# The Thing Lou Couldn't Do

*Will Lou play in the pirate ship?*

**Math Connections:**

Growth Mindset

Spatial Relationships

**Activities To Do Together:**

- Talk about what a growth mindset is with your child. Ask when they think it is important to have a growth mindset.
- Next time you're at the park talk about and point out spatial relationships. While going up the stairs your child is now *on* top of the park equipment, they are *in* between the railings, you are *below* them when they walk over the bridge, and so on.
- Have fun manipulating shapes. Draw or make shapes out of construction paper. Start with 2-D shapes such as a square, circle, and triangle. Which shapes could you make into a 3-D shape? Will you have to use more than one triangle or square to create something new?

**Extension Questions:**

1. How have you overcome a fear or challenge?
2. Why is it important to try things more than once?
3. How does perseverance and a growth mindset come in handy throughout the day?
4. Why is it important to understand spatial relationships?

**Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:**

down, first, five, in, many, on, once, up

**Early Math Project Resources:**

One Page: <https://bit.ly/2U0gH47>(English)

Coming Soon! (Spanish)

A Pirate Ship: <https://bit.ly/35egtsg> (English)

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**Online Resources:**

DIY Puzzle Instructions to work on spatial reasoning: <https://bit.ly/3x8JFgg>

Teaching a Growth Mindset: <https://bit.ly/2TZ6vcb>

