STORY STARTERS

1. Nia was in the mood for some music, so she...
2. Percy found a golden key on the track, so he...
3. Thomas looked up in the sky and saw a balloon. Quickly, he....
4. Diesel heard a loud crashing noise and then he...
5. Kana lost her favorite toy, so she...
6. Thomas wanted to surprise all of his friends so he decided to...
7. Percy discovered a broken track so he...

Or, make your own story starter!

LEARNING BENEFIT:
EVERYTHING’S BETTER WHEN YOU WORK TOGETHER!

Thomas always has his friends by his side because he knows that working together gets the job done. When preschoolers (and grown ups) work together they learn cooperation and problem-solving, and they practice communication and listening to others.

ACTIVITY: THOMAS & FRIENDS STORY TRAIN

Use the Thomas & Friends “story starters” to help your preschooler experience the benefits of teamwork by creating your very own original Thomas story together!

1. Choose one of the “story starters” with your child.
2. Say the “story starter” out loud and encourage your child to use their imagination to continue the story.
3. When someone is done with their turn, say “choo choo!” so the other person knows it’s their turn.
4. Continue by taking turns and adding one sentence at a time to the story.
5. When you finish the story, celebrate by creating a train with your bodies and doing the Thomas the Tank Engine Choo-Choo-Cha-Cha (i.e., a silly dance you make up on the spot.)

CARTOONITO EXTRA:

Make a Thomas & Friends story book based on the story you created together. Write down the story and draw pictures too. And don’t forget to include all of the authors’ names!