

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

	(The prince has been thrown into the sea by a storm.)
Narrator 1:	The little mermaid took the prince to the land, and she stayed with him until the storm stopped.
Narrator 2:	When the prince opened his eyes, he saw the little mermaid looking down at him.
Narrator 1:	Then, the little mermaid saw people who were coming to help the prince, so she swam away.
Narrator 2:	When the little mermaid arrived back home, she told her sisters that she loved the young prince. One of her sisters knew where the prince lived.
Sister:	I can take you there.
Narrator 1:	The little mermaid swam with her sister to the prince's palace. There, she saw the prince walking near the ocean. She watched him for a long time.
Narrator 2:	After that, the little mermaid swam back to watch the prince again and again.

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Narrator 1:	She knew that people did not love mermaids. And she knew that she could not live on land with her tail. The little mermaid wanted to be a person so that she could be with the prince.
Narrator 2:	The little mermaid felt very sad.
Sisters:	Go to the magic woman of the ocean. She can help.
Narrator 1:	The little mermaid went to the magic woman.
Mermaid:	I love a prince. Can you change me into a person, so that I can be with him on the land?
Magic Woman:	I have a magic drink that will change your tail into legs. But if you drink it, you will not speak until the prince loves you. Do you want the drink?
Mermaid:	Yes.
Magic Woman:	After you drink this, you will go to sleep. When you wake up, you will not have your tail. You will have two legs.
Narrator 2:	The little mermaid swam to the prince's palace. She drank the magic drink, and soon she was asleep.
Narrator 1:	When she woke up, she did not have her tail. She had two legs!
Narrator 2:	Soon, the prince walked down to the ocean, and he saw the little mermaid.
Prince:	You look like the girl who saved me in a storm. Are you that girl?
Narrator 1:	The little mermaid did not answer, because she could not speak!

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Prince:	Come with me. You can stay in my palace. I want to know who you are. Can't you speak?
Narrator 2:	But the little mermaid could not answer, and she could not tell him that she loved him.
Narrator 1:	One day, a beautiful princess came to the palace.
Narrator 2:	The little mermaid watched the prince while he was walking with the princess. They were talking, and the prince looked happy. The little mermaid felt very sad.
Prince:	My father wants me to marry the princess. But I want to marry the girl who saved me in the storm.
Narrator 1:	The prince went for a walk by the ocean. The little mermaid followed him.
Narrator 2:	When the prince turned and looked into the little mermaid's eyes, he understood. She loved him. Then, he knew who he was!
Prince:	You are the girl who saved me! You are the girl that I love! Will you be my wife?
Mermaid:	Yes, I will!
Narrator 1:	The prince loved her – so now she could speak again.
Narrator 2:	The little mermaid and the prince got married. They were very happy with their new life together.
Narrator 1:	The little mermaid saw her sisters in the ocean waving to her. They were very happy because the little mermaid was with her young prince.

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