

Q = Main interviewer (Cath)

Q2 = Second interviewer (Beth)

A = Mum (Ria)

B = Dad (Miles)

C = Zander (boy)

D = Greta (girl)

Q OK so we'll see how she goes. OK so this is what's going on.

A Zander made a volcano out of newspaper and things, and then we made the sort of stuff to go in it with vinegar and....

Q Oh that's really clever. So this wasn't from a kit or anything, this was home made.

A No we just did it with a bottle, and we put all newspaper round it first and then stuck it all down with glue and then painted it.

Q How long did that take?

A It didn't take that long actually, probably about 45 minutes.

Q And there's lots of dinosaurs.

A Yeah the dinosaurs are getting caught in it.

Q And again, is this the same?

A Yeah I think he did it twice.

Q And was this filmed in your garden?

A Yeah.

Q Was this over the summer?

A Yes, I think it's the start of the summer, yeah.

Q So what do you think they enjoyed most about this?

A I think it was just the process of having the vision of like making a volcano, and then how can we do it. And Zander really enjoyed the whole wrapping the paper round and sticking it on with glue, and then just painting it, like I loved painting it. And yeah he was outside for about 20 minutes just painting it. And then obviously I've....

Q And he's got the jug of....

A He's got the jug of...

Q So is that vinegar and....

A I think he'd done it once and then I just said 'you can just try and see if you can get any more out of it'.

Q Is this something that he's done before?

A Erm....well unless he's done it at school maybe.

Q So was this something you'd sort of heard about or read about or anything like that?

A I can't remember. I think I'd seen it. Do you know what it was, we used to get those toucan boxes, have you heard of them, they're like art boxes that come through the post once every month or two weeks.

Q Yeah?

A And they're like really good for crafts. There's like an activity and then there's extra things that you can do. So I think one of them was a dinosaur themed thing they did. And then on the back it sort of said 'have a go at making your own volcano', so I was like 'I'll save that for another day'. So it was one of them that was like kind of 'oh yeah, they'd really enjoy doing that'. But that's what I was going to say as well – we've actually stopped it now because it was getting a bit of a backlog – but they were really good those toucan boxes I found, for like sparking ideas, and they'd always be relative to like the season, or like whatever was happening, like Easter or something, there'd be like some kind of creative project to do. Like we've done a puppet theatre and stuff like that. Quite good. But as I say, they were building up and it does cost.

Q So you found them...were they sort of good for learning, did you find they learned things out of them?

A Yeah. Just doing things like...different things that you wouldn't necessarily do. There was like an Easter bunny one where you made a pompom and it was like a stencil printing of a bunny, and like burlap? you know I know it sounds silly but like it's not really something that I would think 'oh we'll do that today'. But I was like 'this is really easy, it's just like a really good idea'. Greta, you're.....you're not having that ???

Q I think so, yeah, yeah, it's the one where they've got the table and the pirate. Wow, what's the pirate ship made of?

A I don't know, I think it was a Playmobil one. But he had all his like treasure. That's another thing, he's quite into treasure and stuff like that at the moment, and like counting money and putting things in treasure chests.

Q Is he watching anything or learning about anything at school that's....

A I don't know, ??? maybe pirates, I don't know if I know where that's come from. So it maybe that, maybe he's just...oh yeah, it was a school trip, I think they went to the beach, and they all got given a bag and they were all collecting pebbles and stuff like that. And also I've

got quite a lot of crystals, like I'm quite like into like that. And we've bought crystals together, so they go in the treasure bag, and coins obviously. And we did like a treasure map and stuff.

Q That's fantastic. So is this a scene that they sort of created and...

A Well I like set it up but then they obviously added like the treasure, and Zander had made these little pirate ships from something or other, so we put them on.

Q What's the shark doing?

A He's just.....just....I don't know.

Q He's getting a battering! Where was that done?

A That was in their playroom.

Q In their playroom, yeah.

A Yeah. I'm just thinking, I don't know if that's some other ones I suppose. The shark's balancing.

Q The shark's balancing on top of the ship. What do you think they enjoyed most about this kind of play?

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A I think it's just making up the dialogue isn't it? Don't know. It was the shark to be honest wasn't it, the shark's...

Q The shark's making growling noises. So how often would they play games like this?

A Over the summer we probably did this maybe once a week, or twice a week, just like set up something on that table. So we were just given that a while ago and it's just been really handy for like Play Doh or something, you know just doing things. But they would play with it like on and off all day. You know like they might have had enough after half an hour but they would go back in and play again.

Q Sort of know it was there.

A Yeah, and then Greta would obviously stop.

Q Is Greta enjoying it?

A Greta is not enjoying it I don't think. I don't know. It's different though isn't it, she probably doesn't get the....

Q The context.

A The context, that's the word, yeah.

Q Oh wow and the map, where's the map.

A We made that, me and Zander made that map as well for daddy to find treasure when he got back.

Q Oh right, so where was the treasure hidden, was it around the house?

A Well I think he did treasure in the garden, buried treasure in the garden! And then yeah I think he buried treasure in the corner somewhere as well.

Q That's really good. I think we've probably got time for one more and then leave you in peace.

A I don't know which one, I think I sent you the one with the.....the slide. Because I've got quite a few Lego ones as well, of Greta.

Q It's a bit blurry but there's that one or the climbing one.

A Oh yeah, the climbing one.

Q And there's that one, is that the....

A Ah, that's the Lego one.

Q That's the Lego one? OK. We can have a look at the Lego one, and then that's great, thank you so much.

A I think it was that one.

Q Where are you in this?

A This is Legoland, this is one of the little play areas.

Q Oh Greta. Greta is covered in chocolate. That's you. So Greta is now watching herself playing Lego.

A Can you see yourself Greta? But I have to say it was interesting seeing the other boys opposite because what they were creating was incredible. Like they weren't....probably Zander's age but almost like a multi-storey car park with like levels, it was really impressive.

Q What's Greta building, is it a.....

A A tower. A very tall tower. You want a snuggle now don't you?

Q OK.