**Salad Pie**

by Wendy BooydeGraaff

*Maggie is overjoyed to have the playground all to herself to make her Salad Pie, but then Herbert shows up.*

**READ THE BOOK, THEN…**

**TALK:** Do you like empty playgrounds or playgrounds with lots of other kids?

**SING:** “Sing a Song of Sixpence”

Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened the birds began to sing,
Oh wasn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?

Kid-friendly video here:

<http://www.schooltube.com/video/3f0efd8bdde748b385da/Sing%20A%20Song%20of%20Sixpence>

**PLAY:** Visit a playground, park, or even just your yard. Encourage your child to cook up his or her own creation from bits of nature. Pretend to eat it together, just like Maggie and Herbert.

**WRITE:** Help your child draw or write the recipe for his/her concoction.

**READ MORE:** If your child enjoyed *Salad Pie*, also try these:

* *Leaf Man,* by Louis Elhert – for more creating with nature
* *Pete’s a Pizza*, by William Steig – for more pretend cooking fun
* *Jamaica’s Find,* by Juanita Havill – for another great playground story

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