

ANNOUNCER:

From your friends at PBS Kids.

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE:

We are the Wombats!

MALIK: Malik!

ZADIE: Zadie!

ZEKE: Zeke!

And my stuffie, Snout.

ALL:

♪ And you are our Wombuddies ♪

♪ Best-ever friends ♪

♪ Can you come,
won't you come ♪

♪ Come to our playdate ♪

♪ We'll sing and dance
and play pretend ♪

♪ Can you come,
won't you come ♪

♪ Come to our playdate ♪

♪ Come on, Wombuddies! ♪

♪ Can you come,
won't you come ♪

♪ Come to our playdate ♪

ZEKE:
"Fort Party Playdate"

ZADIE: Wombuddies, whenever
you hear this sound...

(bells chime)

...we're going to ask you
to do or say something.

♪ ♪

ZADIE:
Woo, woo Wombuddies!

Howdy, hi,
and welcome to our playdate

in our brand-new fort!

MALIK:
We built it outside,

kinda near
Mr. E's Everything Emporium.

MR. E (through bullhorn):
Mushroom smoothies, extra mushy,

on sale today at the Emporium!

ZEKE: We used big pieces
of cardboard for the walls.

Then put really long grass--
longer than me--

over the top to make a roof.

ZADIE:
Come on in and see, Wombuddies.

Just stoop down a bit
so you can get inside.

(footsteps tapping,
wombats slide past cardboard)

ZADIE: It's so dark
and cozy in here.

MALIK:
And I brought some snacks,

so we can have a fort party.

ZEKE:
Yay!

Um, what's a fort party?

MALIK:
Anytime you build a fort, Zeke,

you celebrate by having a party.

It's like a rule.

ZEKE:
Oh...

MALIK: There's cornbread,
honey, and milk.

What else should we have
at our fort party, Wombuddies?

What party foods do you like?

(bells chime)

(ticking)

ZEKE:
Yum.

We like that stuff, too.

(wind blowing)

What's that noise?

Is a train coming?

(wind blowing)

ZADIE:
It's the wind.

Whoa, it's loud.

ZEKE:
The wind is moving our fort!

(big gust blows)

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE:
No!

ZEKE: The wind just blew
our roof away!

All the grass is gone!

Bad wind!

Bad!

MALIK:
It's not the wind's fault, Zeke.

It's our fault.

We didn't make the roof
strong enough for a big wind.

ZADIE: (sighs)
Without a roof,

it's not as cozy in here.

I guess we should build
another roof.

What can we use this time

to make the roof stronger,
Wombuddies?

MALIK:
Stronger and heavier.

Something the wind
can't blow away.

Any ideas, Wombuddies?

Is there something
that we can find outdoors?

(bells chime)

(ticking)

ZADIE:
I heard someone say sticks!

Yes. Sticks won't blow away.

They're way stronger
and heavier than grass.

ZEKE:
Let's go find some sticks.

(footsteps running)

(grass rustling)

ZADIE:
Sing with us, Wombuddies.

It will make stick-finding
way more fun.

(bells chime)

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE: ♪ Sticks,
sticks, pick up sticks ♪

ZADIE:
Sing with us, Wombuddies.

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE: ♪ Nice long
sticks, nice thick sticks ♪

♪ Sticks, sticks,
pick up sticks. ♪

(sticks falling)

ZEKE:
Woo-hoo! A gazillion sticks.

Thanks for singing with us,
Wombuddies.

MALIK: Now it's time to put them
across the top of our fort

to make a stronger roof.

(sticks clattering)

ZADIE:
Sing with us, Wombuddies.

(bells chime)

MALIK/ZADIE/SUPER: ♪ Sticks,
sticks, laying down sticks ♪

♪ ♪

♪ Nice long sticks,
nice thick sticks ♪

♪ Brown sticks, green sticks ♪

♪ Muddy sticks, clean sticks ♪

♪ Sticks, sticks,
laying down sticks. ♪

(sticks clattering)

ZADIE: Done.
Now, we should test our roof.

C'mon, wind.

Do your stuff.

ZEKE:
Yeah! Huff and puff

and try to blow our roof off!

ZADIE:
Blow, wind, blow!

Now, wind, now!

MALIK:
(sighs)

The wind is not
obeying our orders.

(footsteps approaching)

MR. E:
Hello, Zadie, Zeke, Malik.

What is this structure
doing here?

I do not recall issuing you
a building permit.

MALIK:
It's our fort, Mr. E.

We built it just for fun.

MR. E (chuckling):
Ah, fun.

Well fun is certainly allowed
in the Treeborhood.

Within limits.

But why do you look sad
when you're having fun?

ZEKE:
'Cause we're mad at the wind.

It won't blow our roof off.

MALIK: We want to see if we made
our roof strong enough,

but there's no wind

to test it with.

MR. E:
Ah!

Well, I have
a pretty good set of lungs.

Would you like me
to try and blow it down?

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE:
Ooh, yes, yes, yes!

MR. E:
Stand back, way back,

and count to three.

MALIK:
Count with us, Wombuddies.

(bells chime)

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE:
One, two, three!

(Mr. E deeply inhales)

(thin stream of air squeaks out)

MR. E:
Let me try that again.

I need to first get
into the proper spirit.

(chuckles sheepishly)
"I'm the Big Bad Iguana

come to huff and puff
and blow your roof away."

(inhales deeply)

(air squeaks out)

MR. E: (titters)
Mighty iguana that I am,

I may not be
producing enough air.

How about we all try
and blow this fort down?

ZADIE:
Good idea.

Help us test the roof,
Wombuddies.

Count to three,
then blow as hard as you can.

(bells chime)

One, two, three!

(all inhale)

(all blowing, sticks tumble)

ZEKE:
Hooray!

We blew so hard.

Except now our roof is gone.

That's not so hooray.

MALIK: Well, we just have to
make the roof even stronger.

Do you have any ideas
how to do that, Wombuddies?

(bells chime)

(ticking)

MALIK:
Hmm. Those are some good ideas.

Someone said that we need
to stop the sticks

from blowing away.

ZADIE:
What if...

what if we put something
on top of the sticks

to hold them down?

MALIK:
Yeah.

Something that would keep
the sticks from moving

when the wind blows.

MR. E: Something large enough
to cover all those sticks.

I've got it! Stay right there!
(footsteps running)

(distantly):
Be right back!

(running footsteps approaching)

MR. E:
Ta-da.

One roof-sized picnic blanket!

ZADIE: That blanket looks big
enough to cover all the sticks.

MALIK: Okay, first we put the
sticks back on top of the fort.

(sticks clattering)

MR. E: Second, we put the
picnic blanket over the sticks.

(blanket rustling)

MALIK:

Third, we need to tie down

all four corners of the blanket.

MR. E:

I brought some rope we can use.

(rope stretching)

ZADIE: Now the roof
shouldn't blow away.

ZEKE: Yeah.

It looks way stronger than wind.

Stronger than volcanoes!

Can we have our Fort Party now?

(Mr. E interrupting)

MR. E: Shouldn't you give your
roof the old test-a-roo, first?

I'll start blowing,
then you join in.

"I'm the Big Bad Iguana

come to huff and puff
and blow your roof away."

(inhales deeply)

(air squeaks out)

MALIK:
Help us, Wombuddies.

Blow just as hard
as you can, on three.

(bells chime)

One, two, three!

(all inhale)

(air blows)

(Zeke and Zadie whoop and cheer)

We did it!

MALIK:
The roof didn't blow away!

MR. E:
It didn't budge an inch!

Congratulations!

You. You built
a very strong roof.

MALIK:
And that means...

ZEKE:
Party time?

MALIK and ZADIE:
Party time!

♪ ♪

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE: ♪ There's
a party in the fort today ♪

Yeah!

♪ We're gonna have a good time ♪

♪ Everybody's gonna
jump and play ♪

♪ Gonna celebrate
this cool design... ♪

MR. E: (sighs)
I guess I'll be going now.

ZADIE:
No way, Mr. E.

You're our special party guest.

You have to stay and celebrate.

MR. E (chuckling):
Really? Don't mind if I do.

MALIK:
Step into the fort, everyone,

where you will find

cornbread, honey, and milk.

MR. E: (gasps)
You've reminded me.

I think I have a bag

of something delicious
in my pocket.

(bag crinkles)

MR. E:
A giant bag of zucchini chips!

(bag crinkles)

(Mr. E laughs and chomps)

(moans)
Delightful. Mmm.

Which I'm happy to share.

ZEKE:
Uh... maybe later, Mr. E.

Because right now,
I would like some cornbread.

WOMBATS: ♪ There's a party
in the fort today ♪

Yeah!

♪ We're gonna have a good time ♪

♪ Everybody's gonna
jump and play ♪

♪ Gonna celebrate
this cool design... ♪

ZADIE: See you at
our next playdate, Wombuddies.

Bye!

WOMBATS: ♪ There's a party
in the fort today ♪

Yeah!

♪ We're gonna have a good time ♪

(Mr. E laughing)
♪ Everybody's gonna... ♪

♪ Jump and play... ♪
Mr. E (laughing): So much fun!

I love a fort party!

MALIK/ZADIE/ZEKE:
♪ Gonna celebrate ♪

♪ This cool design. ♪

MR. E:
Way to go, Wombats!

ZADIE: Thanks for listening,

Wombuddies.

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