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What is The Stickie Gang All About?

The Stickie Gang is a series of 8 interstitials (short episodes) developed for ABC Kids. Each episode has been carefully created and diligently written with your child in mind. Whether you are a parent, an early childhood educator or a primary school teacher, each episode of **The Stickie Gang** provides teachable moments that can be incorporated into everyday life. In fact, this is how the series was created – helping children identify and embrace the infinite learning opportunities that are readily available in every single day.

Explore THE CHARACTERS

Who is in The Stickie Gang and what are they like?

Angie, Eddie and Mia are best friends who live on Stickie Street. Their lovable dog, Ruffles, is always nearby wanting to join in! They all love learning, playing and solving problems together, and having a lot of fun while they do it. As you enjoy each episode, you'll notice the characteristics of Angie, Eddie and Mia: their curiosity, their sense of adventure, their willingness to try new things, and their attitude towards learning and growing. Even Ruffles the dog is an innovative thinker! You too can have The Stickie Gang attitude – loving to learn and learning to live.



Examine THE EPISODES

What is the title of each episode?

In this series, each episode of *The Stickie Gang* focuses on a mathematical educational concept that is developmentally appropriate. From shapes to time to grouping and measuring, we'll explore the learning and apply it to our everyday lives.



Episode 1: *Counting By Twos*



Episode 2: *Sorting 2D Shapes*



Episode 3: *Identifying 2D Shapes*



Episode 4: *Identifying 3D Objects*



Episode 5: *Telling the Time*



Episode 6: *Months Of The Year*



Episode 7: *Times Of Day*



Episode 8: *Grouping and Measuring*

Investigate THE LESSONS

What are the big learnings from each episode?

Episode 1: Counting By Twos

This episode is all about developing confidence with sequencing numbers. The Stickle Gang explore skip counting by twos, starting from zero and working up to the number 12. Whilst walking and delivering a party invitation to their friend, they notice the house numbers are jumping up by twos. The Stickle Gang order and recognise the numbers they are exploring as well as identifying the missing numbers by skip counting both forwards and backwards.

Episode 2: Sorting 2D Shapes

In this episode, The Stickle Gang explore 2D shapes and how to recognise them in their surrounding everyday environment. This includes naming familiar shapes verbally (square, circle, triangle, rectangle) as well as reinforcing these shape concepts visually and verbally.

Episode 3: Identifying 2D Shapes

The Stickle Gang have a lot of fun (and a lot of learning) as they identify and classify 2D shapes by using the obvious features of number of sides and number of corners. You'll notice in this episode that learning occurs through intentional verbal cues, accurate visual imagery and careful question-asking.

Episode 4: Identifying 3D Objects

In this episode, The Stickle Gang explore familiar 3D shapes through dialogue, question asking and humour. Using the obvious features of corners, edges and faces, The Stickle Gang both verbally and visually describe and classify 3D shapes.

Episode 5: Telling the Time

This episode explores the connection between each day of the week and how this relates to our everyday life. The Stickle Gang make connections to familiar events and actions including sports, schoolwork and recreation. They also describe duration of time by exploring concepts of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Episode 6: Months Of The Year

The Stickle Gang learn to order the months of the year by linking them to familiar events in their own lives including family birthdays, celebrations and holidays. Their curiosity and interest in each other's lives fuels the mathematical discussion to correctly identify and order the months of the year.

Episode 7: Times Of Day

In this episode, The Stickle Gang discuss and explore how familiar events and actions are linked to certain times of the day or night. They chronologically explore components of their (familiar) day schedule and make intentional connections to the order and duration of those events.

Episode 8: Grouping and Measuring

The Stickle Gang explore the concepts of capacity, using direct and indirect comparisons to decide which holds more. They explain their reasoning in everyday language. They also measure capacity using informal processes and discuss grouping and equal sharing.

Enjoy THE FOLLOW-ON-FUN

What can you do before and after you watch each episode?

Below is a framework for you to incorporate into your viewing of The Stickie Gang episodes. There are questions listed for you to think about and to ask of yourself and the children in your care. These questions are designed to spark curiosity, encourage exploration, promote education and inspire action. Use these questions to both engage and develop the learning of each child in your care.

Before You Watch Each Episode

1. Read the episode title aloud. Ask, *“What do you think this episode of The Stickie Gang might be about?”*
2. Say: *“Can you think of an example where you have needed to know about this?”* (referring to the title of the episode)
3. Say: *“When you watch this episode of The Stickie Gang, I want you to have a look at what Angie, Eddie and Mia are doing and learning.”*
4. Say: *“The Stickie Gang have a pet dog, Ruffles. What does Ruffles do/learn/think in this episode?”*
5. Say: *“In nearly every episode of The Stickie Gang, the number ‘8’ appears. Watch carefully and see if you can spot the number ‘8’ in this episode.”*



After You Watch Each Episode

1. Re-read the episode title and ask, *“Why do you think this was the name for this episode of The Stickie Gang?”*
2. Ask: *“What was your favourite part? Why?”*
3. Ask: *“What did The Stickie Gang learn?” “How did Angie and Mia and Eddie respond?”*
4. How did The Stickie Gang help each other to be better listeners and learners?
5. Ask: *“Did you see Ruffles the dog and/or the number 8 in this episode? Share what you saw.”*

Live THE LEARNINGS

How can you apply the learning to everyday life?

The Stickie Gang was created, written and developed with you in mind. This series is designed to be easily viewed and easily implemented. The lessons that Angie, Mia and Eddie learn can be learned by the children in your care. Whether you are a parent, an early childhood educator or a primary school teacher, the learning of your students can be both sparked and extended through watching and engaging with The Stickie Gang.



Meet THE CREATORS

Who are the passionate creators of The Stickie Gang?

Emerald Films

Emerald Films is an all-round production company established in the 1990s. We have produced many award-winning documentaries and factual series that cover topics from the socio-political to science to personal and environmental themes. Emerald Films is also known for its children's factual series such as Project Planet; and with its sister company Air Pig Productions, the series This Is Me and Drop Dead Weird. Through its programs Emerald Films strives to encourage and empower children and young adults to have their voice heard especially on issues affecting our planet.

Sally Browning – Creator & Executive Producer

Sally has 25 years' experience in the film and television industry making television programs for adults and children, a mix of socio-political and personal documentaries and comedy-drama. A mother of one amazing grown-up son, she is passionate about learning, giving a voice to young adults especially on the issue of the environment and believes the key to the planet's future lies in empowering our young adults to take action. She's also a keen scuba diver and adventurer and is committed to protecting our oceans from plastic pollution.

Max Schintler

Max is a young writer and EAL teacher from Sydney with 8 years of experience working across television and higher education. He has written and done research for various children's programs and is a passionate believer in education as a way to break down barriers between people. When not at work, he can be found studying languages, travelling and baking bread.

Megan Dredge – Educator

Megan is a passionate and inspiring educator, speaker, consultant and teacher, who has spent over two decades teaching and leading in both the public and private education sectors. She has spoken extensively in Australia, Asia and Europe and is currently the Global Leadership Coach for Propel Women, actively training over 4000 leaders in 84 nations around the world. Working with corporations, educational institutions, schools and not-for-profits, Megan is passionate about writing and speaking for positive life-long change. Megan has two children and loves all things Italian; loves to read, travel and drink coffee; and would always choose the 'room with a view'.

The Stickie Gang production credits

Creator, Writer, Producer, Director:	Sally Browning
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Educator/Co-Producer:	Megan Dredge
Animation Director:	Alexei Hatherley
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Composer & Mixer:	Mark Walmsley
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