



**Book Title:** A Stick Until.../Un palo hasta que

**About the Book:** Constance Anderson (Smelling Sunshine) shows readers how a simple stick can become a tool or a toy in this enjoyable look at the many uses animals and people can find for sticks. Creative uses of sticks range from chimpanzees catching tasty treats to birds attracting mates. A fun book to read to an inquisitive child or for use in a classroom.

### Storytime Activities:

**Dress Up Fun!** Use your imagination to dress up to visit several different places such as the zoo, swamp, ocean, and the beach.

**What's in the Mystery Bag?** Print out a picture of each animal named/shown in the book. Take each animal out of the bag and ask children what animal they see. You can even describe where the animal lives (natively), and/or other fun facts about the animal.

**Whiteboard Activities:** Tape a stick to the board and draw the several ways a stick was used throughout the book.

### Actions and Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
  - Look at the title and cover of the book. Read the title in Spanish and English.
  - Ask: What animal is holding the stick? What body part of the elephant is holding the stick?
- **During Reading:**
  - Ask: What do you notice in every picture? What do you think the animals and characters are doing with the stick?
  - Movement: Invite children to mimic each animal they see in the story.
- **After Reading:**
  - Can you think of any other ways to use a stick?
  - Review the notes page to learn more about each vocabulary word.

### Vocabulary:

- Elephant
- Chimpanzee
- Gorilla
- Alligator
- Heron