Artful Activities for Early Learners

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These activities for children ages four and up can be done with teachers, parents, and caregivers at home or in a classroom.

Look closely

- Try to imitate the pose of one of the children in the photograph.
- What do you notice about what the children are wearing?
- What might the children be doing?

Learn

Photographer Helen Levitt captured scenes she saw in and around the streets of New York City. She was first interested in the chalk drawings children would make on the streets, then eventually photographed the children who made them. When she got older, she said, “I go where there’s a lot of activity. Children used to be outside. Now the streets are empty. People are indoors looking at television or something.”

Imagine a story

1. Take a moment to think of a story about what could be happening in this picture. Ask a friend or family member to come up with their own ideas.
2. What do you think happened just before the picture was taken?
3. What do you think might happen next?
4. Take turns sharing your stories and see how they are similar or different.

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