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### **The Windstorm**

My favorite tree in our yard blew over in a big windstorm this year. I felt sad. We had to cut up my tree with chain saws. I used to climb in that tree. I pretended I was a koala and it was my home. When I look out the window where my tree was, there is a big hole. Now my tree is gone.

We put the branches in a huge stick pile. I am going to build with it. The stick pile looks like a castle. Some of the sticks are bigger than our kitchen table. Some sticks are tinier than my thumb.

When I create, I feel happy. I create things out of wood all of the time. I made a wand out of a stick. I pulled the bark off, then sanded it. I painted it red and white. Now I use the wand a lot. I am going to build a teepee with the tree branches that fell. We are going to plant vines on it so it will be a living fort. Since I am going to use my tree to create, it isn't really gone.