

Museum Stories  
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Sanford R. Gifford, *Landscape with River (Scene in Northern New York)*, 1849, Oil on canvas, New-York Historical Society, Gift of DeWitt M. Lockman, 1953.51

This week, Museum Stories explores the great outdoors. Swim through this river landscape and take a few minutes to watch the short video.

### LOOK

This kind of picture is called a landscape. A landscape is a picture of a scene of nature or the outdoors. Does this landscape look like something that you can see out your window, or in your backyard? Sanford Gifford's *Landscape with River* shows a nature scene in New York. What parts of the outdoors can you find? Look for the different kinds of trees, the river, and the big hills in the background. Look closer at the river. Can you pretend that you are swimming or fishing in this river?

### READ

This week, the book recommendation is *Hooray for Fish!* by Lucy Cousins. This book has bright, vivid colors that pop out of the deep blue background. The rhyming words encourage your child to observe the pictures closely and count. Take a few minutes to read this story, or another book about fish.

### MAKE

Follow along with the video for instructions on how to make your own fall tree with colorful leaves.