

Mouse Paint

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Three white mice discover three jars of paint—red, yellow and blue. The mice dance and mix the colors throughout the book.

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First Reading

Before you read this story, **set the stage** for enjoying the book with an introduction. Here are some ideas or you could make up your own.

Read the title of this book and look at the cover. “Can you tell me what animals will be in the story? What color are they? How many are there? What colors are on the cover? Are any of these colors your favorite color?”



Read It Again (and Again) and Start a Conversation

“Why couldn’t the cat find the three white mice?
Do you like mice? Do you think the cat likes the mice?
What did the mice do right after they found the three jars of different colored paint?
What color was each mouse then?
What happened to some of the paint that was on the mice?
What did the ‘red’ mouse do? What color did his dancing puddle become?
What did the ‘yellow’ mouse do? What color did his dancing puddle become?
What did the ‘blue’ mouse do? What color did his dancing puddle become?
Do you like to dance?
What color is each mouse now? Are any of these colors your favorite?
Do you like to paint?
After they washed themselves, what did the mice paint? What colors did they use?
Why do you think they left some of the paper white in color?”

Play With Language

Game: Word Rhyming

This game helps to show that almost any word can be rhymed. You will need to make a list of words. Examples might be colors: red, blue, black, white, green, etc. The child thinks of a word that rhymes. See if they can think of more than one rhyming word. Have them choose words to be rhymed.

Game: Letter “M”

Give each child a sheet of paper and lots of items to work with such as macaroni, mini stickers, masking tape, mirrors, anything they can glue to paper that starts with the letter “M.” Give them magazines to look for items. Also, have them think of things that start with the letter “M” that they can use.

Rhymes

Silly Little Mice

Silly little mice (wiggle three fingers to represent the mice),
One, two, three.
Wiggling and jiggling,
As happy as can be.
One sees an elephant,
One hears a crow.
The last feels tired,
So, to bed they must go...



Five Little Mice

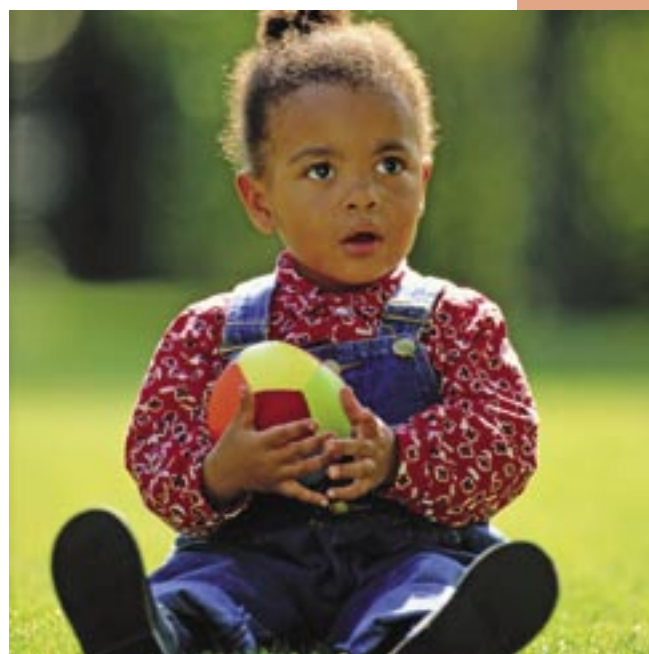
Five little mice on the pantry floor,
(hold up five fingers)
This little mouse peeked behind the door.
(cup hands around face)
This little mouse nibbled at the cake.
(pretend to eat)
This little mouse not a sound did make.
(say "Shhh!")
This little mouse heard the kitten sneeze.
(cup hand around ear)
"Ah Choo!" sneezed the kitten,
And "Squeak!" they cried.
(hold hands up in surprise)
As they found a hole and ran inside.
(run in place)

Rainbow Colors

(Tune: Hush Little Baby)

(Make a construction paper rainbow to use as a visual aid.)

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue,
Rainbow green and yellow too.
Rainbow orange, rainbow red,
Rainbow smiling overhead.
Come and count the colors with me.
How many colors do you see?
One, two, three colors down to green,
Four, five, six colors can be seen.
Rainbow purple, rainbow blue,
Rainbow green and yellow too.
Rainbow orange, rainbow red,
Rainbow smiling overhead.





Other Activities To Do Together

Take a walk outside and point out the colors of things you see.

Make your own colors using fingerpaints; then paint a picture.

Draw mice. Color them all different colors.

Pretend you are a mouse. Look for good mouse hiding places in your house.

Gather an assortment of household items and put them in a bag or box. Take them out, one by one. Discuss the colors of each item. Find other items of the same color.

Sing and act out mouse songs, such as *Hickory, Dickory, Dock* and *Three Blind Mice*

More Books About Mice and Colors

The Color Box by Dayle Ann Dodds

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big, Hungry Bear by Don Wood

Mouse Magic by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Warthogs Paint by Pamela Edwards

