

At Home Reader Enrichment

Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott

Before You Read: *Looking at the cover, ask, "What do you think this story is going to be about?"*

Reading Time! *As you read think about what events might have happened before this story to give each son his name.*

After You Read: *Ask the questions: "Why did Anansi travel so far from home?" "What might have happened if See Trouble had a different gift?"*

Pick an Activity!

An African Mask

Materials: poster board, bright colored shapes, ribbon, scissors, glue

Cut a rectangle piece of poster board. Cut out 2 holes for eyes. Decorate mask with shapes. Cut ribbon into strips and glue at bottom of mask. Discuss the shapes used on the mask (What are they called? How many sides does each have?)

Tip: research African masks online first for inspiration!

A Special Gift...

Each of Anansi's sons has a special gift. You have a special gift too! What do you think your gift is? How could you use it to help someone in need? Write about it. If you would like, draw a picture that shows you helping someone.



Spider Snack

Ingredients: round crackers, peanut butter, pretzels, mini chocolate chips

Place peanut butter between 2 crackers. Break 4 pretzels in half and place 4 on each side between crackers (for legs). Dip 2 mini chips in peanut butter and place on top of cracker as eyes. Enjoy!

Spider Math!

Use spiders to come up with some fun math problems. Here are some examples:

- How many legs does 1 spider have?
- If you had 2 spiders, how many legs would there be altogether?
- How many eyes would 3 spiders have?
- Two spiders went to get ice cream.

How many ice cream cones could they hold altogether? Explain how you came up with your answer.