

At Home Reader Enrichment

The Very Busy Day

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Before You Read: *Looking at the cover, ask, "What time of year do you think this story takes place? How can you tell?"*

Reading Time!: *Read the story aloud to your child. As you read, pause and make predictions about what Little Mouse's dream might be.*



After You Read: *Ask the questions: "Do you think Little Mouse should have helped out? Why or why not?" "Did this story remind you of another story you have heard or read before?"*

Pick an Activity!

I Spy!

Go back into the book and look at the pictures. What household items do you recognize being used for something different than what you might use them for? Make a list of what you find.

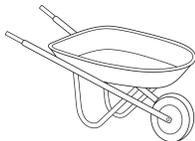
Example: fork – used as a shovel

A Big Dream

Little Mouse had a big dream. He wanted to do something special for Big Mouse. If you could do something for someone, what would it be? What would you need to make the dream come true? You can make a list of items or draw a picture to help describe your thinking.

Miniature Wheelbarrow

Create your very own miniature wheelbarrow just like Mouse. You need 2 clothespins, 1 toothpick, empty thread spool, small box, and glue. Put the toothpick through the thread spool and attach a clothespin to each end. Glue the box on top of clothespins. Let dry.



Daisy Chain Math

Little Mouse made a daisy chain. Each daisy had 10 petals. If he used 5 daisies, how many petals were there altogether? (Need a hint? Count by 10s!)

Little Mouse picked 5 daisies. He needs 10 to make a chain. How many more daisies does he need to pick?