

Little Nelly's Big Book by Pippa Goodhart

Related Books:

Cinderelephant by Emma Dodd
Elmer by David McKee
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
"Stand Back,"said the Elephant, "I'm Going to Sneeze!" by Patricia Thomas
A Big Guy Took My Ball by Mo Willems
Little Bitty Mousie by Jim Aylesworth
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
Where's Mommy? by Beverly Donofrio
Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores by James Howe
Mother, Mother, I Want Another by Maria Polushkin Robbins

Songs and Fingerplays:

The Tail of a Mouse

(Sung to the tune "The Wheels on the Bus")

The tail of a mouse curls round and round Round and round, round and round The tail of a mouse curls round and round All through the house.

The mouth of a mouse goes squeak, squeak, squeak Squeak, squeak, squeak, squeak, squeak The mouth of a mouse goes squeak, squeak, squeak All through the house.

The nose of a mouse goes sniff, sniff, sniff Sniff, sniff, sniff, sniff, sniff. The nose of a mouse goes sniff, sniff, sniff All through the house.

The feet of a mouse go scurry, scurry, scurry

Scurry, scurry, scurry. Scurry, scurry, scurry The feet of a mouse go scurry, scurry, scurry All through the house.

The ears of a mouse go twitch, twitch, twitch Twitch, twitch, twitch. Twitch, twitch, twitch The ears of a mouse go twitch, twitch, twitch All through the house.

Elephant has a Great Big Trunk

The elephant has a great big trunk (pretend an arm is the trunk)
That goes swinging, swinging so. (swing trunk)
He has tiny, tiny eyes that show him where to go. (point to eyes)
His huge, long ears go flapping up & down, (pretend hands are ears)
His great feet go stomping, stomping on the ground. (stomp around)

Flannelboard: Five Elephants in a Bathtub

One elephant in a bathtub going for a swim.

Knock, knock – Splash, splash – Come on in! (clap twice with "knock, knock"/slap knees twice with "splash, splash"/motion to come with "come on in")

Two elephants.....etc.

Three elephants.....etc.

Four elephants.....etc.

Five elephants in a bathtub going for a swim.

Knock, knock – Splash, splash – It all fell in! (*knock elephants and tub off the flannelboard for this surprise ending!*)

Suggestion: Let children take turns putting an elephant in the tub while the class counts over and over again for number reinforcement and much fun!

Five Little Mice Went Out to Play

Five little mice came out to play, Gathering crumbs along the way, Out came a pussycat sleek and fat; Four little mice go scampering back!

Four little mice...
Three little mice...
Two little mice...

One little mouse came out to play, Gathering crumbs along the way, Out came pussycat sleek and fat; No little mice go scampering back!

Activities:

Elephant Marching Game:

It often looks like elephants march from place to place. Play a fun marching game with your kids! Tape construction paper squares in a row/marching pattern around your area and in various points in your line place different shapes, rather than the standard rectangle (ie circles, stars, etc). Whenever the children march to a shape, have them do an activity, whether it's clapping for the circle or hopping for the star. With younger children, you may want to place a picture of the activity on the shape. This is also fun to do to music!

Making Mouse Traps:

Tell your kids about how people have tried to build a better mouse trap for many years and talk about what they feel could catch a mouse. Then give them the task of making their own! This activity can use almost any sort of supplies that you have available. Possible choices include: yarn, boxes, tinfoil, scraps of paper, tape, glue, etc.

Elephant Handprints:

Use gray paint to make an upside down handprint on a piece of construction paper. Use a black marker to add eyes, a mouth and an ear. Let the children draw a jungle or savannah scene on their construction paper as well. http://kiboomukidssongs.com/handprint-elephant-earth-day-craft/

Mouse Bookmark:

Add eyes, whiskers, and ears to a construction paper bookmark to encourage reading! Check out the following template: http://www.allaboutyou.com/craft/knit-free/craft-ideas-for-kids-mouse-bookmarks-49739

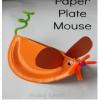
Trumpeting Elephant Craft:

http://spoonful.com/crafts/trumpeting-elephant



Paper Plate Mouse Craft:

http://www.readingconfetti.com/2013/05/paper-plate-mouse-virtual-book-club-for.html



The Jumping Handkerchief Mouse:

Written directions: http://spiritsdancing.com/msblog/the-jumping-hankerchief-mouse

Video directions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fe RQxz s9Y

Story to tell while making the handkerchief mouse:

http://cdacvolunteers.blogspot.com/2012/10/the-old-woman-and-squeaky-squeak.html

You can make your own story up or find another version of the story in this book: Drawing Stories from around the World and a Sampling of European Handkerchief Stories by Anne Pellowski http://www.amazon.com/Drawing-Stories-Sampling-European-Handkerchief/dp/1591582229