

TREASURE CHEST KIT #3: BIG AND LITTLE THINGS

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	The Adventures Of Isabel	OGDEN NASH
BOOK	Big Sister And Little Sister	CHARLOTTE ZOLOTOW
BOOK	The Biggest, Strongest, Fastest	STEVE JENKINS
BOOK	Bigness Contest	FLORENCE PARRY HEIDE
BOOK	Bugs	NANCY WINSLOW PARKER and JOAN RICHARDS WRIGHT
BOOK	Count-A-Saurus	NANCY BLUMENTHAL
BOOK	D. W. Thinks Big	MARC BROWN
BOOK	Dinosaurs, Beware!: A Safety Guide	MARC BROWN and STEPHEN KRENSKY
BOOK	Giant John	ARNOLD LOBEL
BOOK	How I Captured A Dinosaur	HENRY SCHWARTZ
BOOK	Jack The Giant Chaser	KENN and JOANNE COMPTON
BOOK	Mouse Views: What The Class Pet Saw	BRUCE McMILLAN
BOOK	The Rat And The Tiger	KEIKO KASZA
BOOK	Rude Giants	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	The Screaming Mean Machine	JOY COWLEY and DAVID COX
BOOK	Spider On The Floor (with spider finger puppet)	TRUE KELLEY
BOOK	Tiny For A Day	DICK GACKENBACH
BOOK	The Tiny, Tiny Boy And The Big, Big Cow	NANCY VAN LAAN
BOOK	The Very Quiet Cricket	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	We're Back: A Dinosaur's Story	HUDSON TALBOTT
BOARD BOOK	The Baby	MONICA GREENFIELD
BIG BOOK	Peter's Chair	EZRA JACK KEATS
RESOURCE BOOK	The Eentsy Weentsy Spider: Fingerplays And Action Rhymes	JOANNA COLE
BOOK & TAPE	Peter's Chair	EZRA JACK KEATS
CASSETTE	Little Hands	JONATHAN EDWARDS
VHS	Walt Disney's Paul Bunyan	
PUPPET	Rat Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Read *Mouse Views*. Ask your class what a mouse would see in your classroom. Have the children lay on the floor and see your room as if they were a mouse. Invite them to draw pictures from this perspective.

Read *Spider On The Floor*. Then sing this song using the spider finger puppet. Move the spider along the floor as you sing.

Read *Rude Giants* And *Giant John*. Pretend to be giants. Then read *Tiny For A Day* and pretend to be very tiny. Have children draw pictures of themselves being very tall and very small.

Sometimes I Am Tall

Sometimes I am tall.

(Stand up tall)

Sometimes I am small.

(Bend close to the floor)

Sometimes I am very, very, tall.

(Stretch up onto tip toes)

Sometimes I am very, very, small.

(Bend as close to the floor as possible)

Sometimes tall, sometimes small,

(Stretch high then bend low)

See how I am now.

(Stand normally)

Tall As A Tree

Tall as a tree.

(Raise arms high over head)

High as a house.

(Stretch arms out wide)

Thin as a pin.

(Hold arms next to body)

Small as a mouse.

(Huddle down in squatting position)

Mr. Tall and Mr. Small

There once was a man

(Stand on tiptoes and reach up high)

Who was tall, tall, tall.

He had a friend

Who was small, small, small.

(Kneel and bend way down)

The man who was small

Would try to call

(Cup hands near mouth and look up)

To the man who was tall,

"Hello, up there!"

(Speak in very high voice)

The man who was tall

(Stand on tiptoes)

At once would call

To the man who was small,

(Bend from waist)

"Hello, down there."

(Use deep voice)

Then each tipped his hat

(Stand straight)

And made this reply:

(Tip an imaginary hat)

"Good-bye, my friend."

(Look up, speak in high voice)

"Good-bye, good-bye."

(Bow, and speak in deep voice)

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *All Shapes And Sizes* by Shirley Hughes. Basic concepts are illustrated.
- *The Funny Dream* by Kaethe Zemach-Bersin. In this story a little girl wakes up to find that her parents have shrunk.
- *George Shrinks* by William Joyce. This zany story features George, who wakes up to find himself the size of a mouse.
- *Jim And The Beanstalk* by Raymond Briggs. A humorous sequel to the well-known tale.
- *The Littlest Dinosaurs* by Bernard Most. Starting with the 13-foot Coloradisaurus and working down, the author provides detail on smaller-scale dinosaurs and makes these long-extinct monsters become our friends.

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