

# Activity Sheet



## ***The Mitten***

by Jan Brett

Nicki's mitten becomes a cozy home for a host of woodland creatures.

**Before you read this book:** *The Mitten* is based on a Ukrainian folktale. There are many activities that can be done to encourage learning as we read: sequencing, animal habitats and so much more!

This might be a good time to do a mitten drive for the kids in your school (especially lots of colorful mittens)!

**While you read this book:** Ask why Baba did not want to knit snow-white mittens. Talk about what colors would be better for the snow.

As more animals climb into the mitten, review the other animals. Who climbed in first? Second? Third? Story sequencing is a concept that may seem easy to you, but can be a challenge for some preschoolers to grasp. You might need to explain the meanings of first, second, third, etc. You could also review the animals using "first," "next," "then," "last."

**After you read this book:** Use tape to outline a large mitten on the floor (or use a large piece of fabric cut into a mitten shape). Retell the story and, instead of animals, have the kids climb "into" the mitten one at a time to keep warm. As more children get into the mitten, the kids will have to figure out how to make room for everyone to fit inside. Don't forget the sneeze at the end!

**At home:** There are several books based on the folktale. Talk to your kids about folktales and fairytales. Check out these other books based on *The Mitten*:

*The Mitten* written by Alvin Tresselt and illustrated by Yaroslava

*The Mitten* written by Jim Aylesworth, illustrated by Barbara McClintock

Read and compare each one. Help your child find things that are the same and things that are different.