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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim finds some pretty red paper.

Daddy cuts a zigzag shape.
Kim and Carrots bring the glue.



Kim glues on some shiny circles, squares, and a big green feather.



What is it going to be?

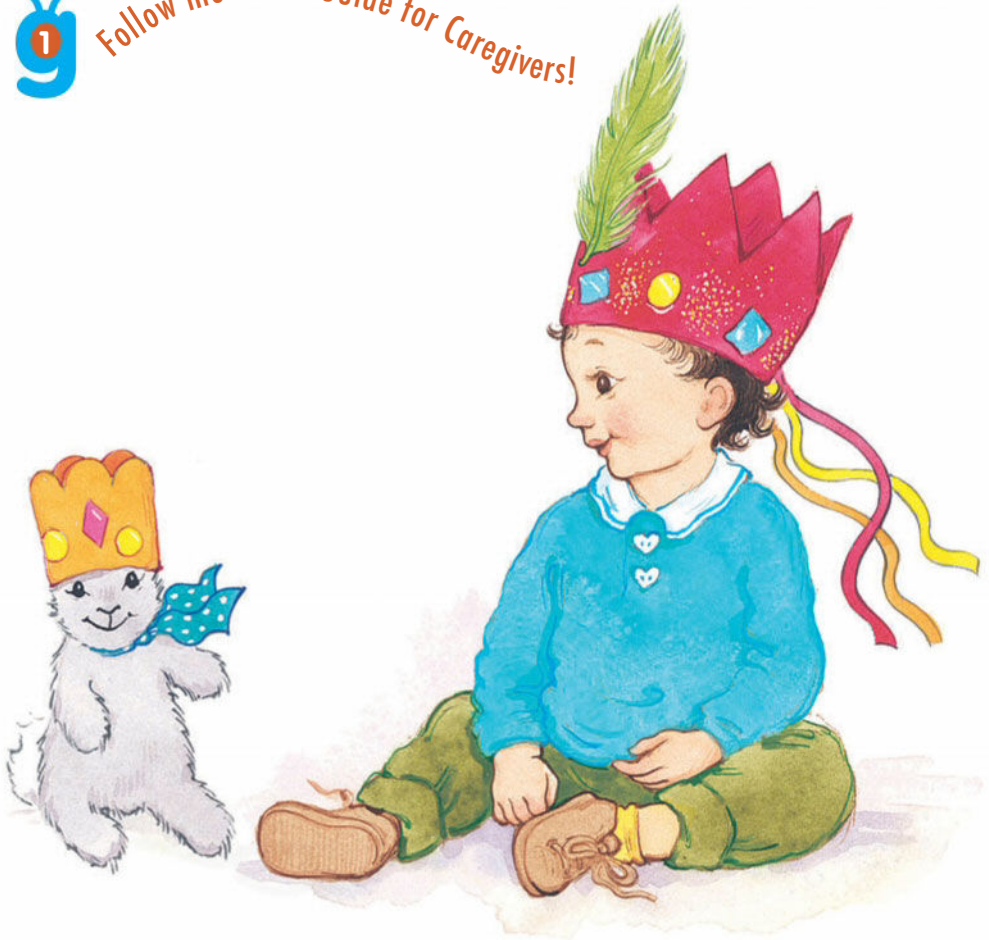




It's a beautiful crown for Kim!



Follow me to the Guide for Caregivers!



And there are enough scraps to
make a crown for Carrots, too.

Lavender's Blue

A Mother Goose Rhyme ♥ Art by Jerry Smath

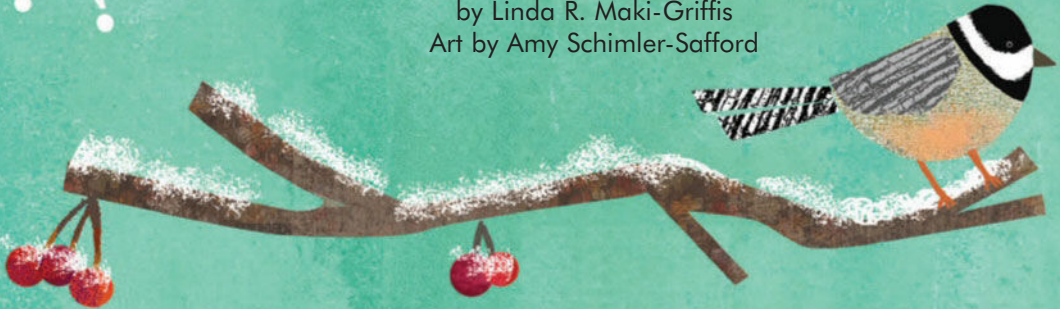
Lavender's blue, dilly dilly,
Lavender's green.
When you are king, dilly dilly,
I shall be queen.





A FIRST CONCEPT Colorful Caps

by Linda R. Maki-Griffis
Art by Amy Schimler-Safford



Chickadee wears a neat black cap.
Cardinal's hat is red.



Sparrow sports a stripy hood
Upon his feathered head.



Junco has a hat of gray.
Blue Jay's cap is blue.



Tell me now, my little friend,
What color hat have you?





Watch the Sun

by DeMar Regier • Art by Cecilia Rébora



Sun comes up
in yellow clothes,
yellow cheeks,
and yellow nose.



Sun goes down slowly
off to bed
in striped pajamas,
orange and red!



Bedtime Toys

by Dianne Moritz
Art by Angela Muss

Where's my little green dragon?



Here on your little red wagon.

Where's my little black bunny?



Here in your little chair, honey.



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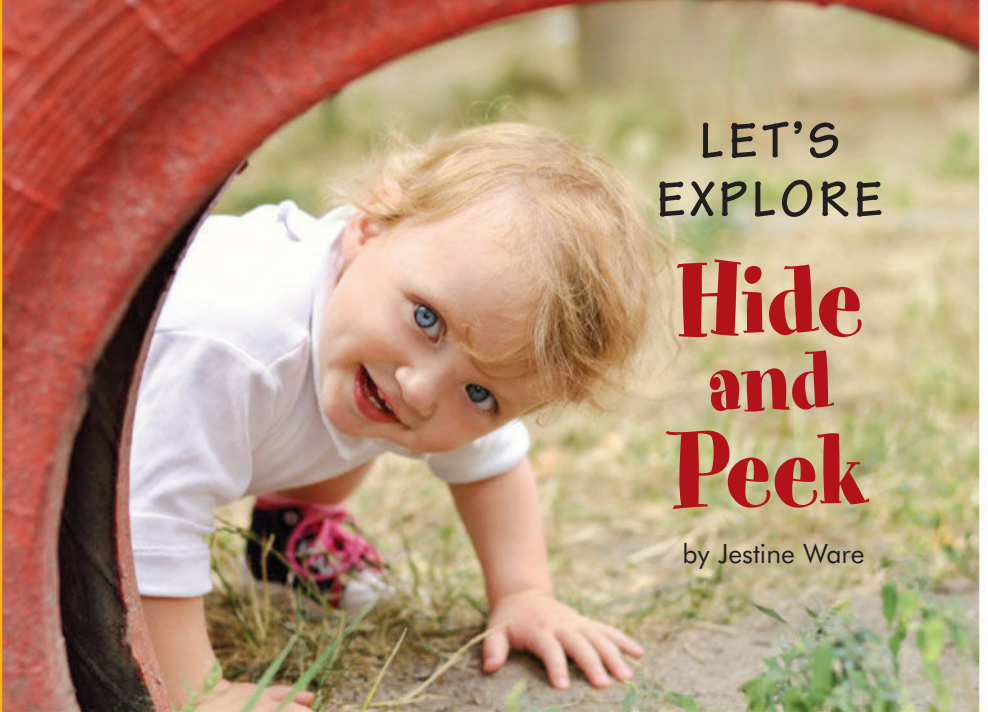
Where's my little brown teddy?



Here, tucked in your bed already.

Good night, honey!





LET'S
EXPLORE

Hide and Peek

by Jestine Ware

Peekaboo! I love to hide. Do you?

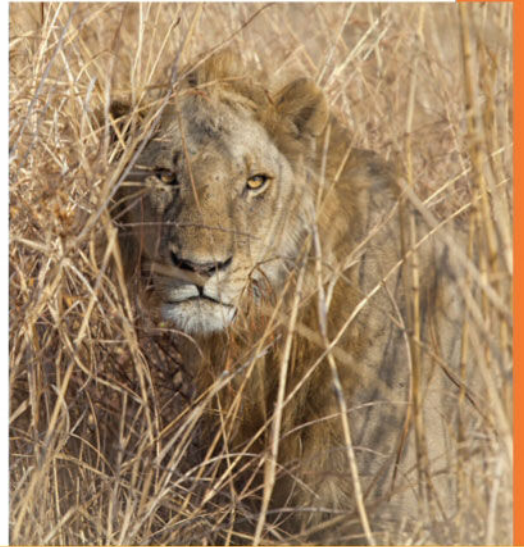
“I hide in here!”
frog croaks. “My
cozy green leaf
looks just like
my skin!”



“Peekaboo!” says
turtle. “I hide my
head in my shell.”



“You can’t see me!
I look like my winter
home,” hoots owl.



Lion roars, “Dry grass
is gold like me. Can you
see me? I see you!”

Moose's Antlers

by Pamela Love ❄️ Art by John Joven



art © 2015 by John Joven

Moose has antlers on his head.
They're shaped like hands with fingers spread.



BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “happy hats” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: Young children, even babies, thrive on pretend play. Make-believe lets children experiment with new skills while giving them a way to re-create satisfying experiences. As children pretend, they build valuable literacy skills, including the ability to understand simple story lines and figure out the difference between real and make-believe. A toddler only needs a single item of dress-up clothing to pretend to be someone else. In this story, Kim, wearing a homemade paper crown, becomes royalty.

2. Lavender’s Blue: For clapping, tapping, or bouncing, traditional Mother Goose rhymes are hard to beat. Try

chanting this one while you play a gentle knee-bouncing game with your baby, or join your toddler in a lively dance around the room.

3. Hide and Peek: Play a fun hiding game with your little one by asking your child to choose a toy and then covering her eyes while you hide it. First, hide the toy in plain sight or with part of it sticking out. Give hints by asking questions: “Is it under the chair? No? Where could it be?”

— Sally Nurss, M.Ed.



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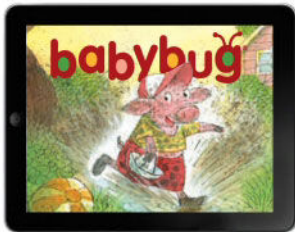
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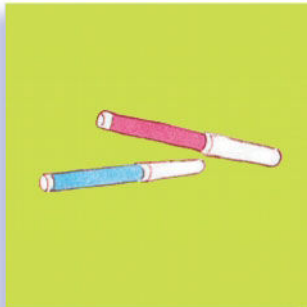
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