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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim is having a tea party.

Kim spreads jelly on the crackers,
while Mommy fills the teapot.



There are little pink and yellow
cupcakes for the party, too.



Kim puts the cups, the plates, and food onto a pretty cloth.





Clever Kim pours juice from the teapot into the cups very carefully.



Follow me to
the Guide for
Caregivers!



Mommy, Carrots, and Penguin are
all invited. What a lovely party!



A FIRST CONCEPT

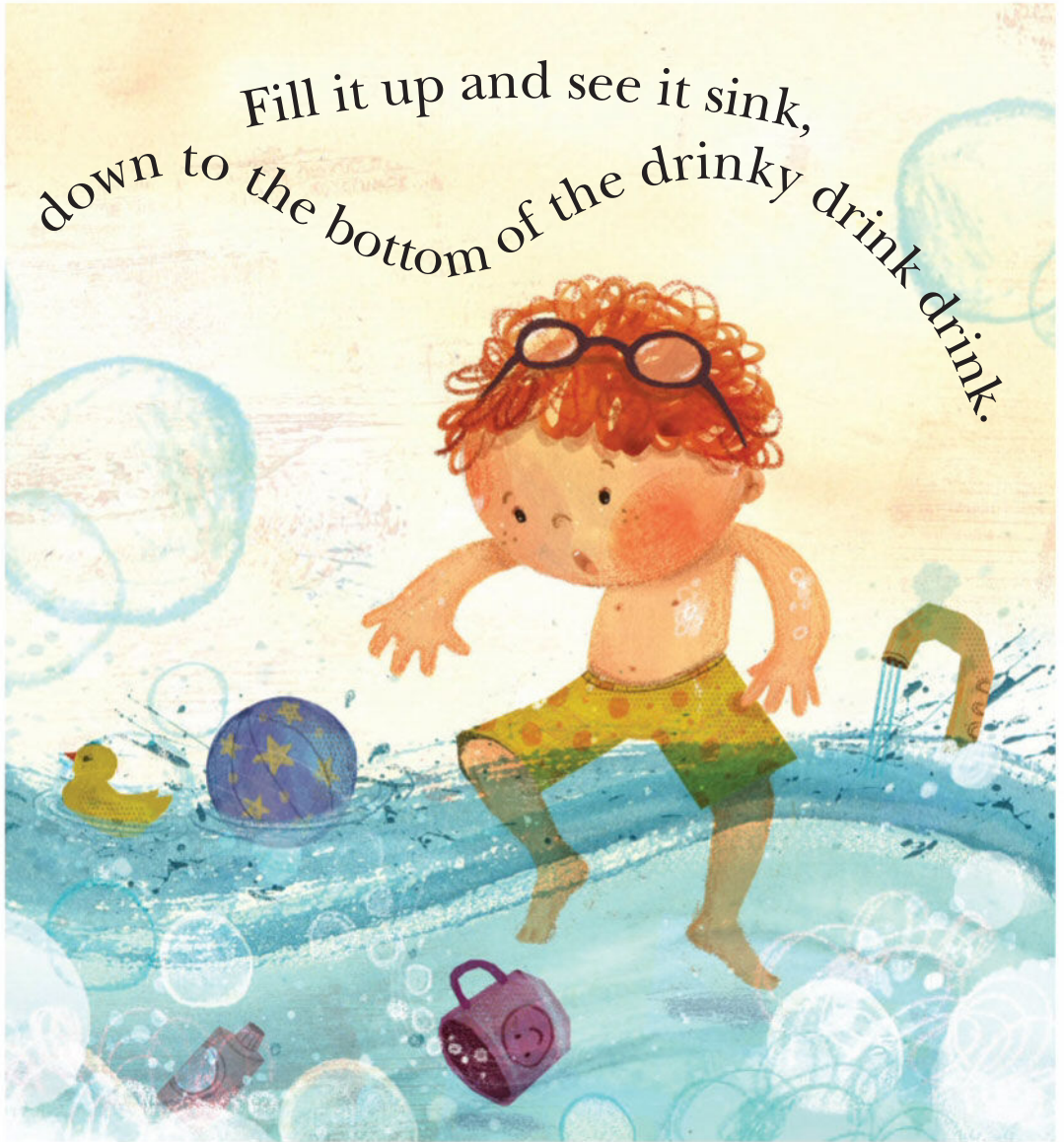
Little Boat

by Catherine Bailey ✨ Art by Jaime Kim

*My cup is like a little boat.
When it's empty, watch it float.*



Fill it up and see it sink,
down to the bottom of the drinky drink drink.



Yellow Plane

by Karen M. Barnett

Art by Laura Zarrin

Bright yellow plane, watch it fly,
Drawing white lines in the big, blue sky.





My Letter

by Raven Howell
Art by Nancy Davis



I draw a picture for my Gram



and make a card for Gramp.



I seal them in an envelope



and mail them with a stamp!

Ten O'clock

Anonymous
Art by John Nez



Every morning at ten o'clock,



I can hear the mailman's knock.



Up I jump to open the door,



One letter, two letters,
three letters, four!







Flying

by Terry Fitzgerald ✨ Art by Carolina Fariás

Jacob's planes are flying,
Red and green and blue.

Up in Daddy's arms—*whee!*
Jacob's flying, too.





LET'S EXPLORE
Green

by Jonna Oliver Kuskey



Green like an apple,



Green like a frog,

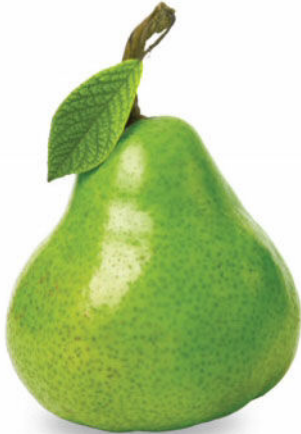


Green like the moss on a hollow log.

Green like a turtle,



Green like a pear,

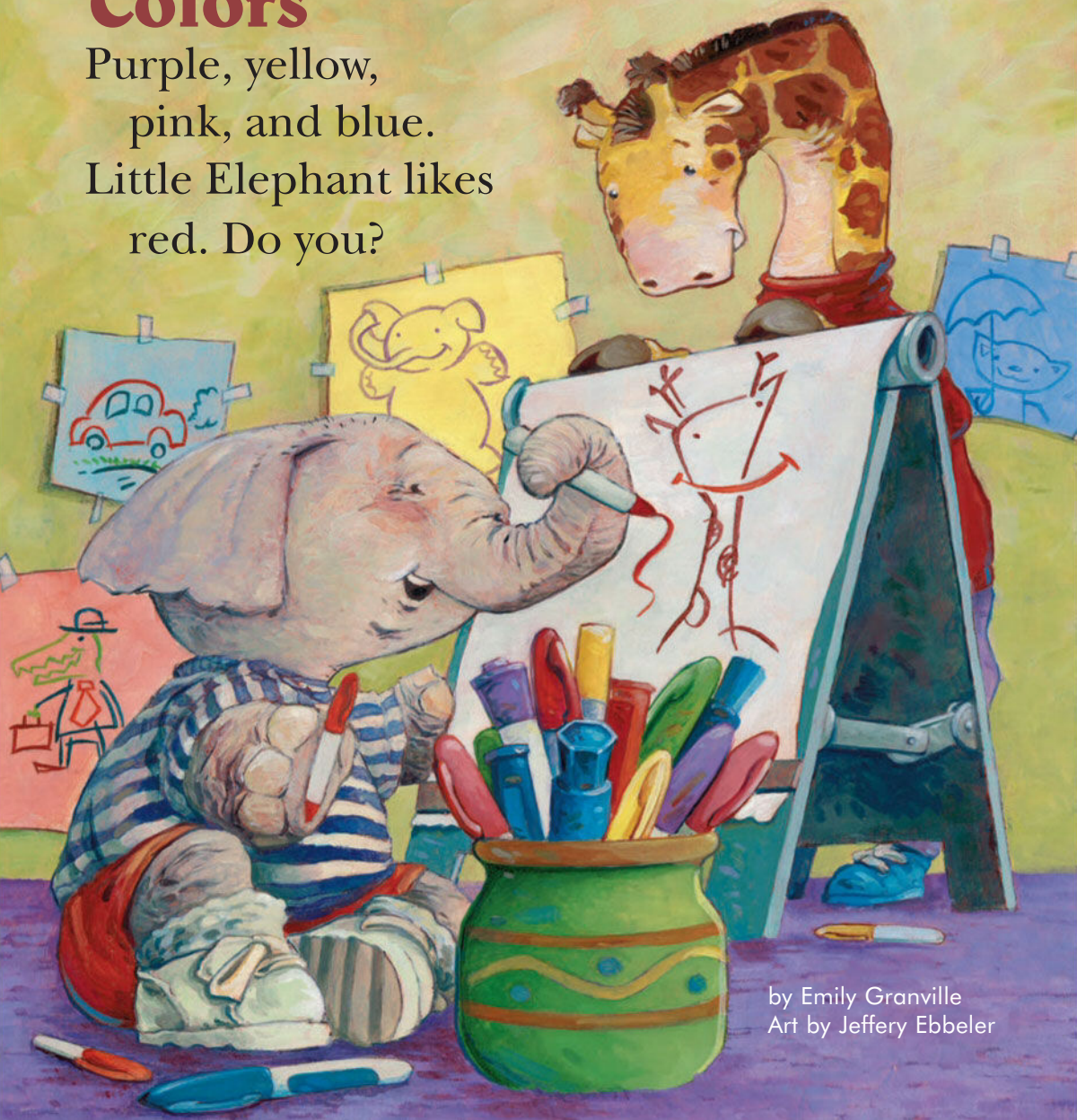


Many, many green things everywhere!



Colors

Purple, yellow,
pink, and blue.
Little Elephant likes
red. Do you?



by Emily Granville
Art by Jeffery Ebbeler



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 “colorful day to play” issue of BABYBUG.

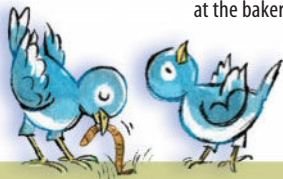
1. Kim and Carrots: In this sweet story, Kim takes almost as much pleasure in the preparations for a tea party as in the event itself. Because there are inevitably so many things very young children can't do, they delight in finding out what they can do. Being trusted to carry out simple adult tasks such as spreading jelly, arranging plates, or pouring a beverage helps toddlers feel competent and capable.

2. Little Boat: As this poem shows, bath time is great learning time. Here are some fun activities you and your baby can try together. Hold a floating toy underwater, then release it quickly so it will pop to the surface. The “surprise” will delight your child again and again. Or give

your baby a sponge. Squeezing it to see the water run out offers a simple lesson in cause and effect.

3. Flying: As you read this issue with your little one, point out the colors mentioned in the text. Draw your child's attention to Jacob's colorful mobile or his father's green sweater. All children, even infants, delight in clear, true colors. Don't worry, however, if your toddler doesn't name the colors. That's a complex skill. Matching colors comes before learning their names. In the meantime, use everyday conversations to support your child's growing interest in colors. Talk about buying a loaf of brown bread at the bakery or mailing a letter in a blue mailbox.

— Sally Nurrs, M.Ed.



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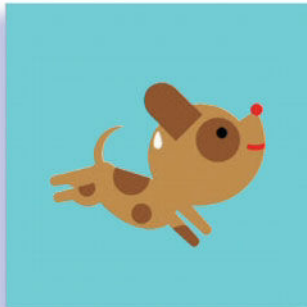
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