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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim's friend Amy has a new puppy!



Kim brushes his soft fur.

The puppy says hello to Carrots,
but—oh no!



He runs off with Carrots in his mouth!



The puppy brings Carrots back.
He was only playing a game.





The puppy takes a rest in his basket,
and Carrots gets an extra cuddle!

When I Hide

by Dot Cachiaras

Art by Vera Rosenberry

When I hide behind the chair,
no one even knows I'm there.



I can roll up in the rug,
hidden like a little bug.



Curtains hide me, head to toes.
Where I am, nobody knows.





When I close my eyes real tight,
I'm completely out of sight!



Follow me to the
Guide for Caregivers!



When Mary Goes Walking

by Patrick R. Chalmers
Art by Lucy Fleming

When Mary goes walking,
The autumn winds blow,
The poplars they curtsey,
The larches bend low.
The oaks and the beeches
Their gold they fling down
To make her a carpet,
To make her a crown.



Squirrel

by Tina Twito 🐿️ Art by Susan Eaddy



Bushy tail, bushy tail,
eyes so bright.



Scurry to the left
and scurry to the right.



Find a little nut
and bury it deep.



Then curl up in a ball
and fall asleep.





A FIRST CONCEPT

The Geese

by Deirdre Mundy
Art by Alan and Lea Daniel

Pointed flock in autumn sky,
Honk-geese, honk-geese flying high.



Land in a pond, nap, and snack,



Then off to the south. Please come back!





LET'S EXPLORE

Flying

by Jestine Ware



*Zoom zoom,
here I go!
I'm Papa's plane,
A flying pro!*



Up, up! Oh my!
I'm a balloon,
Toes in the sky!



Where, Oh Where?

by Septimus Winner ✨ Art by Martha Aviles

Where, oh where has my little dog gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?
With his ears so short and his tail so long,
Oh where, oh where can he be?





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 “autumn hide-and-seek” issue of BABYBUG.

1. When Mary Goes Walking: To children, autumn leaves can seem like colorful toys falling from the sky. Mary puts them to good use here, and so can you. To create an autumn leaf hat for your little one, cut the center out of a paper plate. Then help your child tape colorful leaves around the edge and put it on.

2. Squirrel: When introduced to a new fingerplay, your child may imitate your motions or repeat the words, but probably won't try to do both right away. And for babies and young toddlers, simply listening and watching



is both fun and a fine way to participate. Repeat a new fingerplay often enough, and it's sure to become a family favorite.

3. The Geese: What's more wonderful than being outdoors with your child on a crisp fall day and hearing the mysterious calls of geese as they fly overhead? Back indoors, read this selection together. Encourage your toddler to join in as you run your finger from left to right across the flying lines of geese, pretending to honk as you go. It's a game that helps accustom your child to scanning from left to right while reading.

— Sally Nurrs, M.Ed.

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