

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and talk about a book called *Mouse Shapes*. This story is about three mice that use shapes to trick a cat.

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Shape Up On sheets of paper, draw a circle, a square, and a triangle. Ask your child to draw things that come in each shape on the matching page. If your child needs help thinking of things, here are some ideas: circle (sun, pizza, clock, orange); square (window, slice of cheese, box, checkerboard); triangle (boat sail, party hat, coat hanger).

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One-Minute Words Write the letter *m* on paper. Then set a timer for one minute. See how many words beginning with *m* you and your child can name before the timer goes off. One at a time, do the same activity for the letters *s*, *t*, *c*, and *p*.

Say a word that begins with *s*, *m*, *t*, *c*, or *p*. Have your child listen for the beginning sound and write the matching letter. Use each letter a few times.

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Finish That Sentence Work together to use the words *see*, *we*, *a*, *to*, *and*, *I*, *like*, and *the* to create sentences. Write each word on a slip of paper. Take turns choosing and arranging words to begin a sentence that the other person can read and complete. Here are some examples.

We see a _____. I like to _____ and _____.

I see the _____. We like to _____.

Tip!

You can save the word slips in a box and have your child add more as new words are learned.

Outfoxed by Fox Read the story below to your child. Ask: What trick does Fox play? What lesson do you think Crow learns?

The Crow and the Fox

Crow sat high in a tree. He had a big piece of cheese in his beak.



Along came Fox. Fox said, "Crow, you are such a beautiful bird. I think your singing must be just as beautiful. Am I right?"

Crow wanted to show off. As he opened his beak to sing, the cheese fell to the ground. Fox grabbed it up and had a delicious snack!



Story Recap Reread *The Crow and the Fox*. Talk with your child about where the story takes place and who the story is about. Then talk together about what happens at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the story.



Book Links

- *The Lion and the Mouse*, by Jerry Pinkney
- *Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse*, by Leo Lionni **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Go to the library or search online together to find signs in different shapes. Print or copy the shapes your child likes. Add captions together, and staple the pages to make a little book.