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This is a Gift for You Storytime!



Before Starting the Story

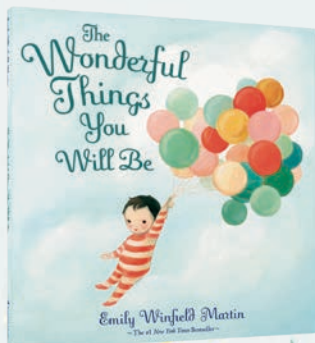

This Is a Gift for You is the perfect story to remind us that there are big and small moments to celebrate and share every day. It starts by examining small, everyday treasures, such as a flower, button, or a favorite marble. What is an everyday thing that your storytime participants find special?

As You Read

The story explores the idea that gifts aren't always physical objects, using the example of "your hand in my hand." Can your attendees think of a gift like this that was meaningful to them? What could they give a member of their family or a friend?

Time for Some Activities!

Whether you are able to host your event in your store or virtually, no storytime is complete without some activities! Either photocopy the next few pages or send them out digitally so that your audience can play along and extend the story.





Make Your Own Paper Flower Pinwheel

There are daisies hidden on every page of the book, and now you can bring one home with you. Here is what you'll need!

- 8 x 8" piece of paper for each participant
- Save the extra paper to create a 2" circle for each participant
- 2 green pipe cleaners • Scissors • Gold paper fastener
- Glue stick or double-sided tape

DIRECTIONS

1. Start with cutting pieces of 8.5 x 11" paper into 8 x 8" squares, make sure that you save the extra paper that can be cut into 2" circles to become the center of your daisies.

2. This is the perfect time to decorate your flower however you like! Just remember that the corners will be folded inward, so coloring should be done on the "back" of the paper.

3. Fold the 8" x 8" square into a triangle and then repeat on the other side to create diagonals across the sheet.

4. Cut four diagonal lines starting from the corners, make sure not to go too far (if you're doing this with a little reader, make sure to help them as they use the scissors!)

5. Take the right corner of one of your sections and fold it towards the center to create your petal, add a drop of glue or piece of tape to hold it in place. Repeat this process for each section. Once all of your sections are in place, use your paper fastener to poke through the center to secure them and create the golden center of your daisy! Wait until step 5 to fold out the back of the fastener so that you can attach the flower to the stem.

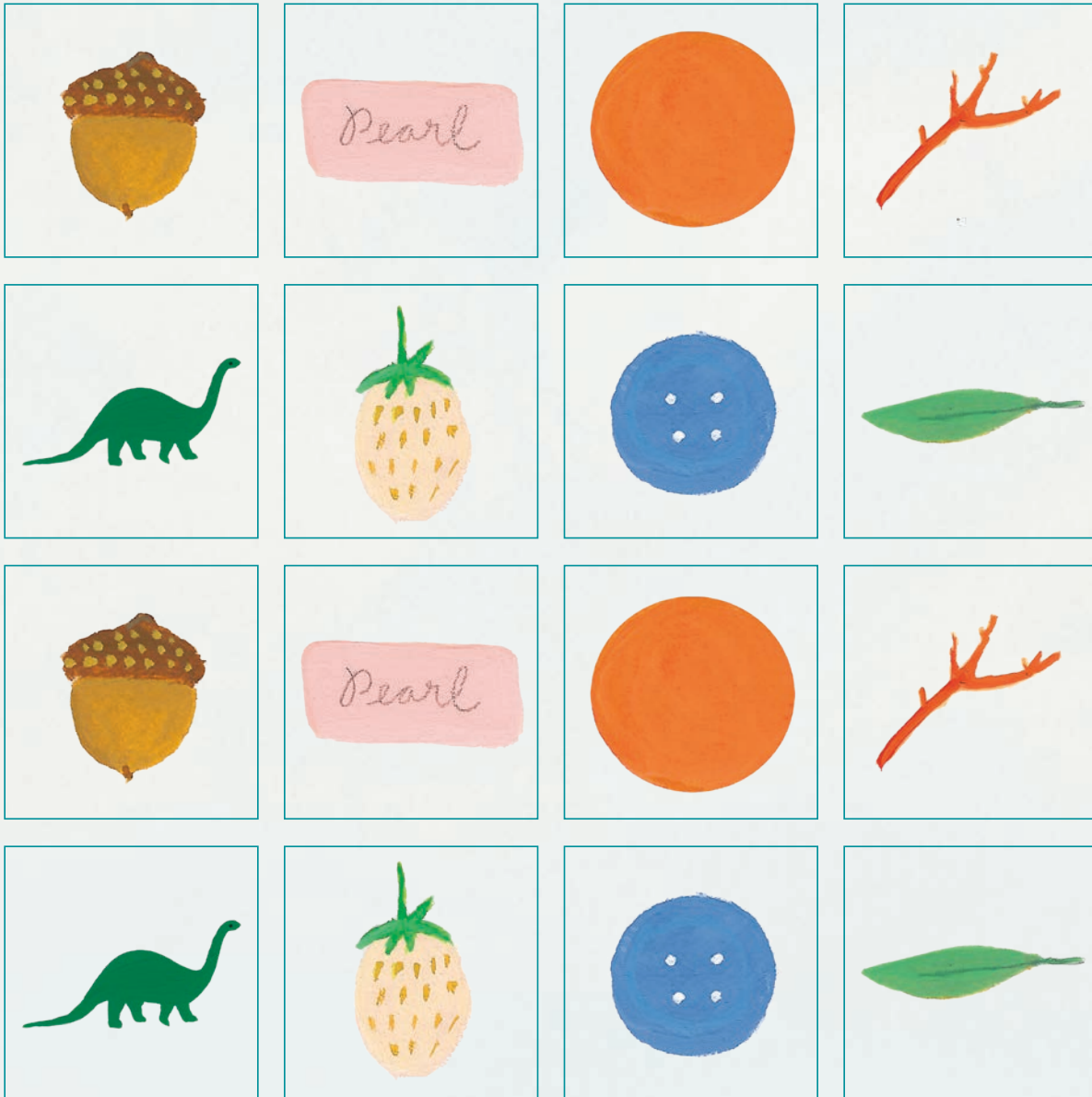
6. Now take your green pipe cleaners. For the one that will be the stem, make a loop at the top and weave the paper fastener through and fold out the back so they are attached. You can either use your second pipe cleaner to create loops to make petals. Enjoy your flower!





This Is a Matching Game for You!

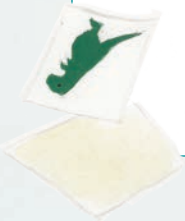
Cut out the images below. Mix and spread the cards picture-side face down on a flat surface. Have your little reader pick two cards, if they match, move it to the side. If not, try again until all the pairs are uncovered!





This Is a Gift for You!

Draw a picture and gift it to someone special in your life!



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RANDOM HOUSE
CHILDREN'S BOOKS