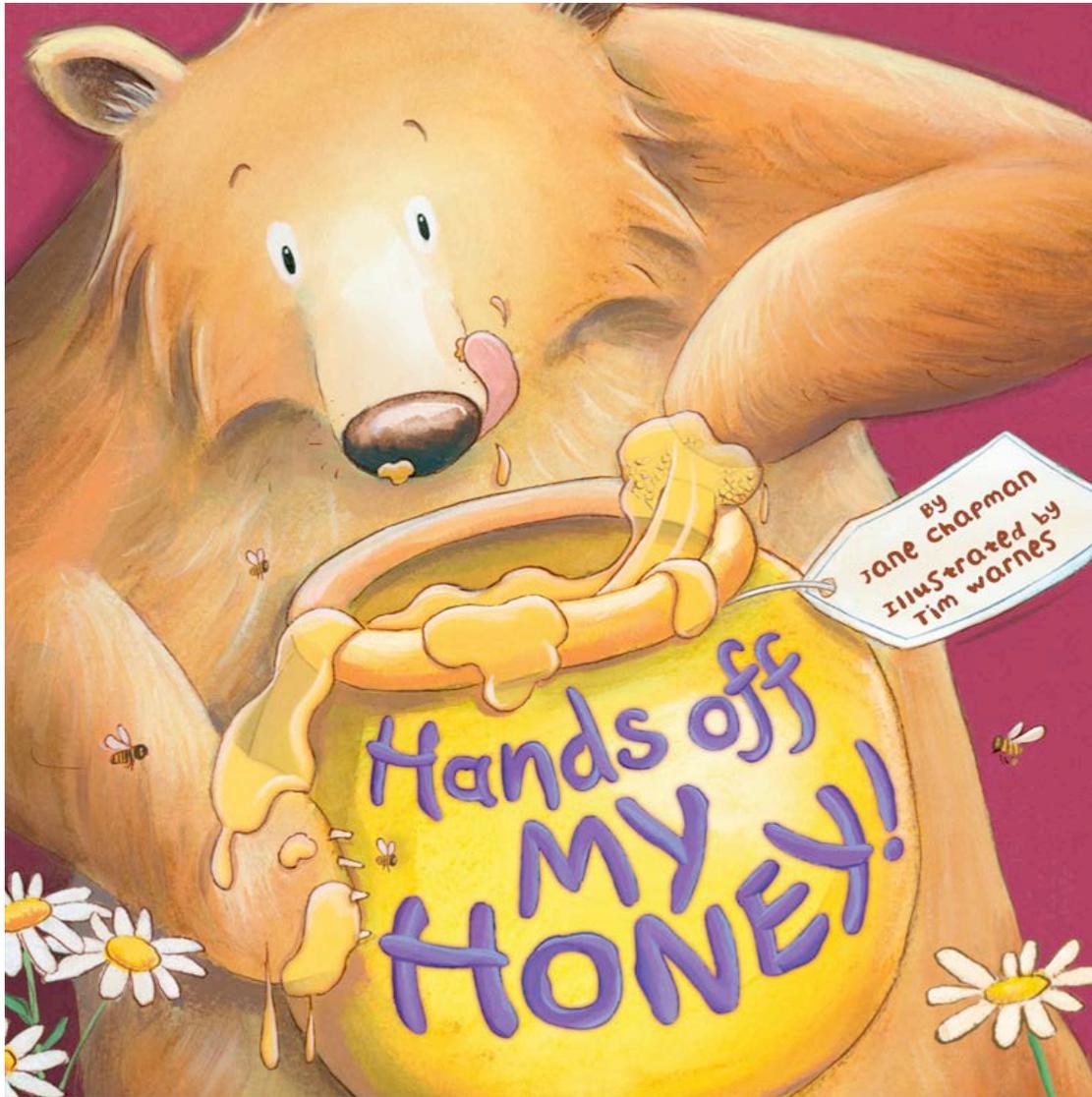


READING AND ACTIVITY GUIDE
HANDS OFF MY HONEY!



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Giving Parents An Inside View



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Synopsis:

Bear stomped and stamped through the woods with his big jar of honey. All the animals would run and hide because he was so frightful. The ground rumbled, and even the daisies and leaves shook and trembled. But Mouse, Mole, and the Rabbit Brothers were determined to get just a taste of that honey by any means necessary.

Content Themes:

- Friendship: Mouse, Mole, and the Rabbit Brothers band together to face their fears. Ask: What friends or family do you love to play with?
- Sharing: Bear shares his honey with Mouse, Mole, and the Rabbit Brothers. Ask: Who do you like to share with? What kinds of things do you share?
- Games: Hide-and-seek is a favorite game of Bear, Mouse, Mole, and the Rabbit Brothers. Ask: Do you play hide-and-seek? What other outdoor games do you like to play?

Extension Activities:

- Friendship
- Sharing
- Games

ACTIVITY 1—FRIENDSHIP

Objective:

In *Hands off My Honey!*, Mole, Mouse, and the Rabbit Brothers are friends romping through the forest on an adventure. Children can draw a picture of their friend. Their friend can be a favorite stuffed toy, a pet, or a relative.

Materials:

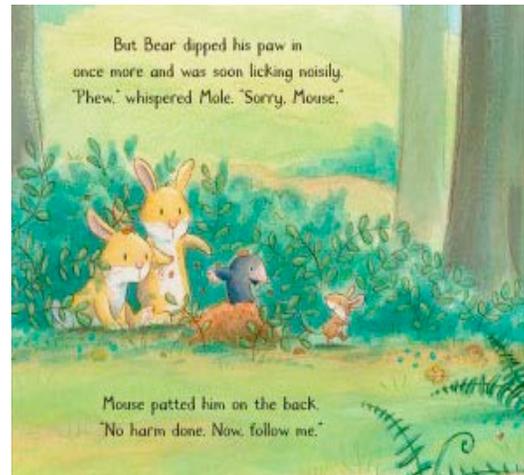
Construction paper

Crayons, markers, or paints

Various geometric shapes for tracing

Plastic tablecloth (for catching any messes)

Time: 60 minutes



Directions:

1. Lay the tablecloth down on the work surface. Have your child(ren) draw a picture of their friend.
2. Have them create a scene where they could have an adventure. It could be a forest, a park, a winter or summer scene, or a home.
3. Allow the children to think freely about their adventure.
4. While they are creating, talk to them about the meaning of friendship.
5. When they are finished, have them describe what they are doing with their friend.
6. Display their pictures like art for others to see.

ACTIVITY 2—SHARING

Objective:

The story shows how stingy Bear is when it comes to his honey. It also shows Bear sharing his honey with his friends. Have the child(ren) make a honey pot of their own. They can put snacks (popcorn, crackers, small cookies, etc.) in their completed honey pot to share.

Materials:

- One strip of cardstock
- Tape or stapler
- Medium-sized balloons
- Strips of newspaper or brown paper bags
- Flour and water for glue mixture; use one cup flour to one cup water
- Watercolor paints or markers
- Light snacks (optional)

Time: 45 minutes, plus overnight for the paper to dry

Directions:

1. Shape the cardstock into a circle. Tape or staple it to help hold its shape.
2. Blow up the balloon and place it in the circle; tie the end of the balloon. Tape the balloon to the circle to stabilize it.
3. Saturate the paper strips in the glue mixture and wrap them $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up and around the balloon, leaving a portion of the top of the balloon exposed.
4. Allow the paper to dry overnight, then pop the balloon and remove it. The shape of the paper will have formed a bowl-like shape.
5. Have your child(ren) paint and decorate their honey pots. Then have them fill the honey pots with small snacks to share.

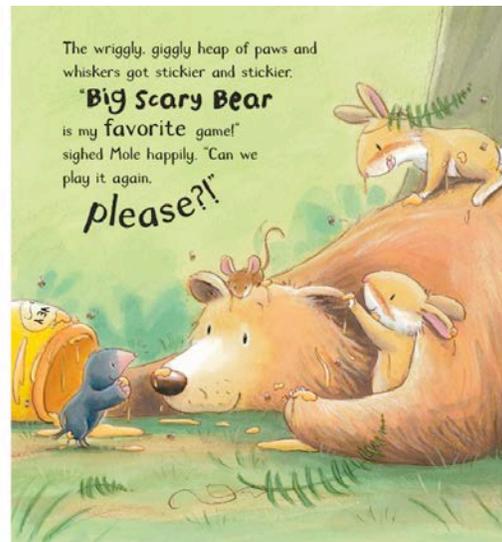
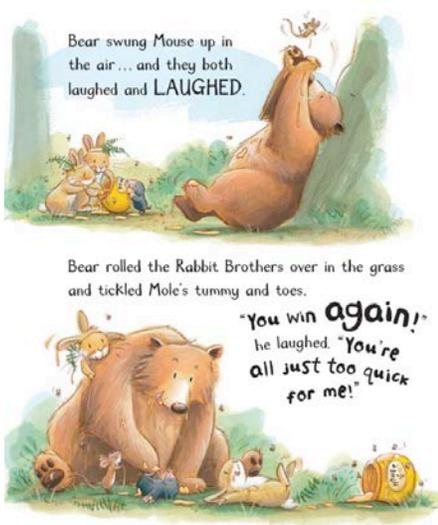
ACTIVITY 3—GAMES

Objective:

Mole, Mouse, and the Rabbit Brothers were playing a game of hide-and-seek, and the prize was to find Bear and the honey pot. Have your child(ren) play a game of hide-and-seek. They can take turns hiding their honey pot.

Materials:

- Homemade honey pot from Activity 2



Time: 1 hour

Children can play hide-and-seek indoors or outdoors. Weather permitting, it is best played outside where children can get fresh air, run, and play.

Directions:

1. Have one child hide his or her honey pot.
2. Give the remaining children 5-10 minutes to find the pot.
3. Have the child who hid the honey pot give hints of cold, warm, or hot while the other players are looking for it. The first player to find the honey pot gets to hide his or her honey pot next.

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