

# Mm



## Storytelling – Big Letter M Meets a Mouse

One day, Big Letter M was invited to Monkey's birthday party. Big Letter M remembered that Monkey liked milk, mangoes and marshmallows, so she put a carton of milk, a mango and a bag of marshmallows into her bag as birthday gifts for Monkey.

On her way to Monkey's home, Big Letter M met her friend, Mouse. Mouse was not happy because she was hungry. Big Letter M wanted to help Mouse so she looked into her bag.

Big Letter M took out the bag of marshmallows. She waved at Mouse and said, '**Mouse! Mouse! Come here.**' Big Letter M showed Mouse the bag of marshmallows and asked, 'Do you want some marshmallows?' Mouse said, 'Oh yes! Thank you. I like marshmallows.' Mouse ate the marshmallows right away but she was still hungry, so she walked away trying to look for more food.

Big Letter M looked into her bag again and took out the mango. She waved at Mouse and said, '**Mouse! Mouse! Come here.**' Big Letter M showed Mouse the mango and asked, 'Do you want a mango?' Mouse said, 'Oh yes! Thank you. I like mangoes.' Mouse ate the mango right away but she was still hungry, so she walked away trying to look for more food.

Big Letter M looked into her bag again and took out the carton of milk. She waved at Mouse and said, '**Mouse! Mouse! Come here.**' Big Letter M showed Mouse the carton of milk and asked, 'Do you want some milk?' Mouse said, 'Oh yes! Thank you. I like milk.' Mouse finished the milk right away but she was still hungry.

Big Letter M had an idea. Big Letter M invited Mouse to the birthday party so she could enjoy more food there. Mouse was very happy and followed Big Letter M to Monkey's home.

### Extended activities related to the story

- Art-and-craft activity: Decorating the letter M
  - Invite children to stick mouse stickers onto a letter M template by following the stroke order.
- Game: What's the time, Mouse?
  - Invite one child to be Mouse and stand at one end of the room with his/her back to the other children.
  - Guide the children on the opposite end (the starting point) to ask: *What's the time, Mouse?*
  - Invite Mouse to reply with a time and the children take that number of steps towards Mouse.
  - Prompt the children to run back to the starting point if Mouse answers 'it's dinner time' before they are caught by Mouse.
  - Invite the first child who gets caught by Mouse to be Mouse in the next round.



### Real-life experience activity – Making mango jelly

- Show children the stick puppet of Big Letter M and tell children that she wants to make some mango jelly for Monkey. Tell children that Big Letter M's sister, Small Letter m, can help.
- Show a stick puppet of Small Letter m and invite children to greet her.
- Invite Small Letter m to demonstrate how to make mango jelly.
- Invite children to make mango jelly by guiding them to:
  - take a slice of mango and cut it into small pieces with a plastic knife.
  - use a spoon to put some mango jelly powder into a big bowl.
  - pour water into the big bowl and start stirring.
  - pour the mixture into some small bowls.
  - add the mango pieces into the small bowls and place them in the refrigerator.
- Provide children with ample chances to listen to and say the names of the objects: mango, mango jelly, and mango jelly powder.
- Guide children to make association between the letter and the words (e.g., mango, mango jelly).
- Invite children to thank Small Letter m and enjoy the mango jelly together when ready.



### Other possible real-life experience activities and extended activities

- Making meatballs or muffins with brown play dough
- Playing a game: Matching mittens
  - Prepare four to six different kinds of materials (e.g., sand paper, fabric).
  - Cut two mitten shapes from each material.
  - Mix up the mittens.
  - Invite children to take turns picking out the mitten pairs.
- Making a mouse mask
- Making a cup of marshmallow milk



### Suggested books



#### Book Title

1. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
2. *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*
3. *Ten Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*
4. *The Mitten*

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