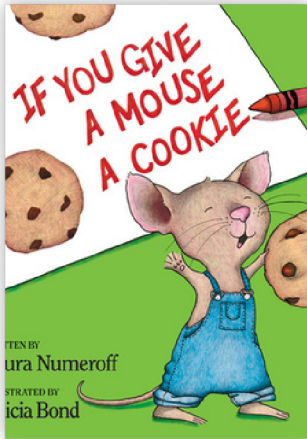




If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

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Themes: Cause and Effect; Curiosity; Generosity; Imagination

Book Brief: A boy gives a mouse a cookie, and one request triggers the next in a growing chain. The final page loops back to the opening, revealing the story's circular structure.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Show your child the cover. Ask, “What do you think a mouse might do with a cookie?”
- Talk about a time one small favor led to many more.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What do you think the mouse might ask for after the milk? Why?
- Why do you think one job led to another?
- What do you think the mouse will ask for after he has milk again?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask your child how the ending connects back to the beginning of the story.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Draw your own chain story. Start with a snack, then draw what each favor leads to, just like the mouse in the story.

Let them explore more titles by Laura Numeroff:

- If You Take A Mouse To School (2002)
- If You Give a Pig a Party (2005)
- Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse! (2011)