

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

By: Iza Trapani

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The itsy bitsy spider	8
Climbed up the waterspout	12
Down came the rain	17
And washed the spider out.	
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Out came the sun	27
And dried up all the rain,	32
And the itsy bitsy spider	37
Climbed up the spout again.	
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The itsy bitsy spider	46
Climbed up the kitchen wall.	50
Swoosh! Went the fan	55
And made the spider fall.	
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Off went the fan.	64
No longer did it blow.	69
So the itsy bitsy spider	75
Back up the wall did go.	
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The itsy bitsy spider	84
Climbed up the yellow pail.	88
In came a mouse	94
And flicked her with his tail.	
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Down fell the spider.	104
The mouse ran out the door.	109
Then the itsy bitsy spider	115
Climbed up the pail once more.	

The itsy bitsy spider	
Climbed up the rocking chair.	119
Up jumped a cat	124
And knocked her in the air.	128
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Down plopped the cat	
And when he was asleep,	138
The itsy bitsy spider	143
Back up the chair did creep.	147
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The itsy bitsy spider	
Climbed up the maple tree.	157
She slipped on some dew	162
And landed next to me.	167
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Out came the sun	
And when the tree was dry,	176
The itsy bitsy spider	182
Gave it one more try.	186
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The itsy bitsy spider	
Climbed up without a stop.	195
She spun a silky web	200
Right at the very top.	205
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She wove and she spun	
And when her web was done,	215
The itsy bitsy spider	221
Rested in the sun.	225
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The Kite

By: Arnold Lobel

Frog and Toad went out to fly a kite. They went to a large meadow where the wind was strong.	12 20
"Our kite will fly up and up," said Frog. "It will fly all the way up to the top of the sky."	32 42
"Toad," said Frog, "I will hold the ball of string. You hold the kite and run."	53 58
Toad ran across the meadow. He ran as fast as his short legs could carry him.	69 74
The kite went up in the air. It fell to the ground with a bump.	86 89
Toad heard laughter. Three robins were sitting in a bush.	98 99
"That kite will not fly," said the robins. "You may as well give up."	110 113
Toad ran back to Frog.	118
"Frog," said Toad, "this kite will not fly. I give up."	129
"We must make a second try," said Frog. "Wave the kite over your head. Perhaps that will make it fly."	139 149

Toad ran back across the meadow. He waved the kite over his head. The kite went up in the air and then fell down with a thud.	158 171 176
"What a joke!" said the robins. "That kite will never get off the ground."	186 190
Toad ran back to Frog. "This kite is a joke," he said. "It will never get off the ground."	202 209
"We have to make a third try," said Frog. "Wave the kite over your head and jump up and down. Perhaps that will make it fly."	219 230 235
Toad ran across the meadow again. He waved the kite over his head. He jumped up and down. The kite went up in the air and crashed down into the grass.	244 255 266
"This kite is junk," said the robins. "Throw it away and go home."	276 279
Toad ran back to Frog. "This kite is junk," he said. "I think we should throw it away and go home."	290 300
"Toad," said Frog, "we need one more try. Wave the kite over your head. Jump up and down and shout UP KITE UP!"	310 321 323
Toad ran across the meadow. He waved the kite over his head. He jumped up and down. He shouted, "UP KITE UP!"	332 343 345

The Garden

By: Arnold Lobel

Frog was in his garden. Toad came walking by.	9
"What a fine garden you have, Frog," he said.	18
"Yes," said Frog. "It is very nice, but it was hard work."	28 29
"I wish I had a garden," said Toad.	37
"Here are some flower seeds. Plant them in the ground," said Frog, "and soon you will have a garden."	46 56
"How soon?" asked Toad.	60
"Quite soon," said Frog.	64
Toad ran home. He planted the flower seeds. "Now seeds," said Toad, "start growing."	73 78
Toad walked up and down a few times. The seeds did not start to grow. Toad put his head close to the ground and said loudly, "Now seeds, start growing!"	88 100 108
Toad looked at the ground again. The seeds did not start to grow. Toad put his head very close to the ground and shouted, "NOW SEEDS, START GROWING!"	118 129 136
Frog came running up the path. "What is all this noise?" he asked.	146 149

"My seeds will not grow," said Toad.	156
"You're shouting too much," said Frog. "These poor seeds are afraid to grow."	164 169
"My seeds are afraid to grow?" asked Toad.	177
"Of course," said Frog. "Leave them alone for a few days. Let the sun shine on them, let the rain fall on them. Soon your seeds will start to grow."	187 200 207
That night Toad looked out of his window. "Drat!" said Toad. "My seeds have not started to grow. They must be afraid of the dark."	216 226 232
Toad went out to his garden with some candles. "I will read the seeds a story," said Toad. "Then they will not be afraid."	242 253 256
Toad read a long story to his seeds.	264
All the next day Toad sang songs to his seeds.	274
And all the next day Toad read poems to his seeds.	285
And all the next day Toad played music for his seeds.	295 296
Toad looked at the ground. The seeds still did not start to grow.	306 309

The Way of an Ant

By: Kazue Mizumura

Once there was a young ant who wanted to climb as high as the blue sky. He started to climb the tallest blade of grass he could find.	11 22 28
When he reached the tip of the grass, he looked up, and saw that a dandelion stood even higher.	39 47
He raced down to the ground and started to climb up the dandelion.	57 60
When he reached the top of the dandelion, he looked up and there against the sky he saw a rose, stretching its stem as high as it could go. He hurried down to the ground and started to climb up the stem of the rose.	69 80 91 103 105
When he reached the rose, he stopped awhile to smell its petals. Then he thought he saw the sun in the sky. But it was only a sunflower's golden ring, shining high above the rose. He tumbled down to the ground and started to climb up the sunflower.	114 126 137 147 153
When he reached the face of the sunflower, a gnarled branch of an apple tree with three green apples hung over him. He quickly ran down to the ground and started to climb up the apple tree.	162 172 183 190

The Fox and the Grapes

By: Aesop

One day a fox was running down a dusty road. He 11
was hot and thirsty. Soon he saw some grapes hanging on 22
a vine in a garden. 27

The grapes were large and ripe and juicy. They 36
looked very tasty to the hot, thirsty fox. 44

"How I wish I had some of those grapes," said the 55
fox. 56

The fox jumped high in the air. He reached up with 67
his paw, but he did not get the grapes. 76

He jumped higher and higher, but he still could not 86
get the grapes. 89

At last the fox gave up. 95

"Those grapes can stay on the vine," said the fox. "I 106
can tell that they are sour. They must taste awful. I 117
don't like sour grapes." 121

The Hare and the Tortoise

By: Aesop

A hare was one day making fun of a tortoise. "You are a slowpoke," he said. "You couldn't run if you tried."	11 22
"Don't laugh at me," said the tortoise. "I bet that I could beat you in a race."	33 39
"Couldn't," replied the hare.	43
"Could," replied the tortoise.	47
"All right," said the hare. "I'll race you. But I'll win, even with my eyes shut."	58 63
They asked a passing fox to set them off.	72
"Ready, set, go!" said the fox.	78
The hare went off at a great pace. He got so far ahead he decided he might as well stop and rest. Soon he fell fast asleep.	90 102 105
The tortoise came plodding along, never stopping for a moment.	113 115
When the hare woke up, he ran as fast as he could to the finish line.	127 131
But it was too late- the tortoise had already won the race!	141 143

74th Street

By: Myra Cohn Livingston

Hey, this little kid gets roller skates. She puts them on.	11
She stands up and almost flops over backwards.	19
She sticks out a foot like she's going somewhere and	29
fall down and smacks her hand. She grabs hold of a step	40
to get up and sticks out the other foot and slides about	52
six inches and falls and skins her knee. And then, you	63
know what? She brushes off the dirt and the blood and	74
puts some spit on it and then sticks out the other foot	86
again.	87

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