

# Red House, Tree House, Itty Bitty Brown Mouse

## The 2020 CLEL Bell Award Book for SING

by Jane Godwin, illustrated by Blanca Gómez  
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*Little Mouse sets off on an adventure around the world, inviting readers to find colorful objects: houses, underwater creatures, vehicles, and more. The sing-song rhythm and rhyming text helps children develop their phonological awareness of sounds and syllables.*

Activity Ideas for *Red House, Tree House, Itty Bitty Brown Mouse*:

- There are many rhyming words in this book! What are some of your favorite rhymes? Visit the library and check out some nursery rhyme books or board books to read and sing together. You can also clap along with the syllables of each word. Hearing rhymes and emphasizing syllables help children understand that words are made up of separate sounds.

*The it - sy bit - sy spi - der climbed up the wa - ter spout*  
clap clap-clap clap-clap clap-clap clap clap clap clap-clap clap

- Look throughout the book for Little Bitty Brown Mouse. As you search, talk about the parts of the book: front cover, back cover, spine, pages. Show how we turn one page at a time and move through the book from left to right. Learning about a book and how it works is a part of learning to read!
- The illustrator Blanca Gómez uses a wide variety of colors on every page. You can play a color matching game by using paint or markers to color popsicle sticks. Lay out different colored paper and have the children match the colored popsicle sticks to the papers. What other small objects in your house or classroom can you match to the papers? Matching colors uses the same visual discrimination skills that children will use to recognize different letter shapes.

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