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# LITERATURE ACTIVITIES

**Art Projects – Skill Building Activities – Plot Summaries**

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# Introduction

**Literature Activities** employs a multi-sensory approach to learning based on Aesop's fables. This book incorporates a variety of activities to meet the needs and learning styles of young children. Many follow-up suggestions are listed and include the following:

## (1) Extended Activities

- finger plays
- games, songs, and poems
- creative movement
- choral reading
- questioning techniques
- gross motor activities
- dramatic play
- cooking

## (2) Art Activities

- stencils
- puzzles
- mobile
- mosaics
- chalk prints
- finger painting
- paper dolls
- crayon resist

## (3) Seatwork

- mazes
- counting
- matching
- sequencing
- categorizing
- upper, lower case letters
- puzzles
- dot to dot
- tracing
- coloring by number

## Special Note:

Because some art projects in this book may present too much coloring for young children, the following options may be helpful.

- Outline the character.
- Color only certain items, e.g. the hat and shoes; specify which colors to use.
- Duplicate pattern pieces onto colored paper.
- Have children work as a group to complete one project.
- Glue fabric scraps, paper, glitter, beans, etc. to decorate a project.

# The Lion And The Mouse

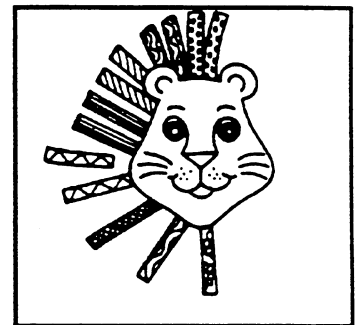
by Aesop  
**SUMMARY**

A lion catches and plans to eat a little mouse. The mouse begs for his life and promises that someday he may be able to return the favor and save the lion's life. The lion does not believe a little mouse could save his life, but releases the mouse anyway. One day some hunters see the lion sleeping. They bind him up with rope and plan to shoot him. The mouse appears and chews through the rope, setting the lion free. The mouse has saved the lion from death.

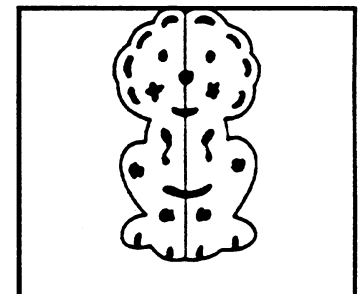
**Lesson:** Little friends may prove to be great friends.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

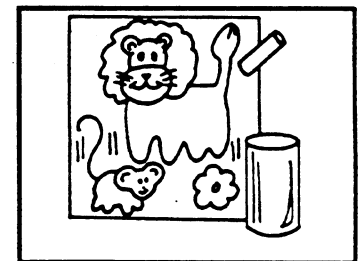
**Lion's Mane:** Reproduce the lion's head (page 7) onto white construction paper. Color and cut out. For the lion's mane: cut 2 strips (skinny rectangles) from several different wallpaper prints. Glue one set of strips around the lion's head, creating a mane. Children then match the other set of strips to the lion's mane for a matching patterns game.



**Dropped Paint Lion:** Draw half a lion on a fold of yellow paper. Cut out the shape. Open it up and lay it flattened out on the table. Water down some orange tempera paint. Children dip paint brushes into the paint and then allow the paint to drop from the brush onto the paper. The brush can be shaken to help the drops fall. Let the paint dry or refold the lion on the original crease, press, and reopen to dry.



**Wet Chalk Pictures:** Give each child a sheet of white paper and a little glass of water. Children dip colored chalk into the water, then draw pictures of the lion or mouse. Dipping the chalk into the water makes the colors more brilliant.



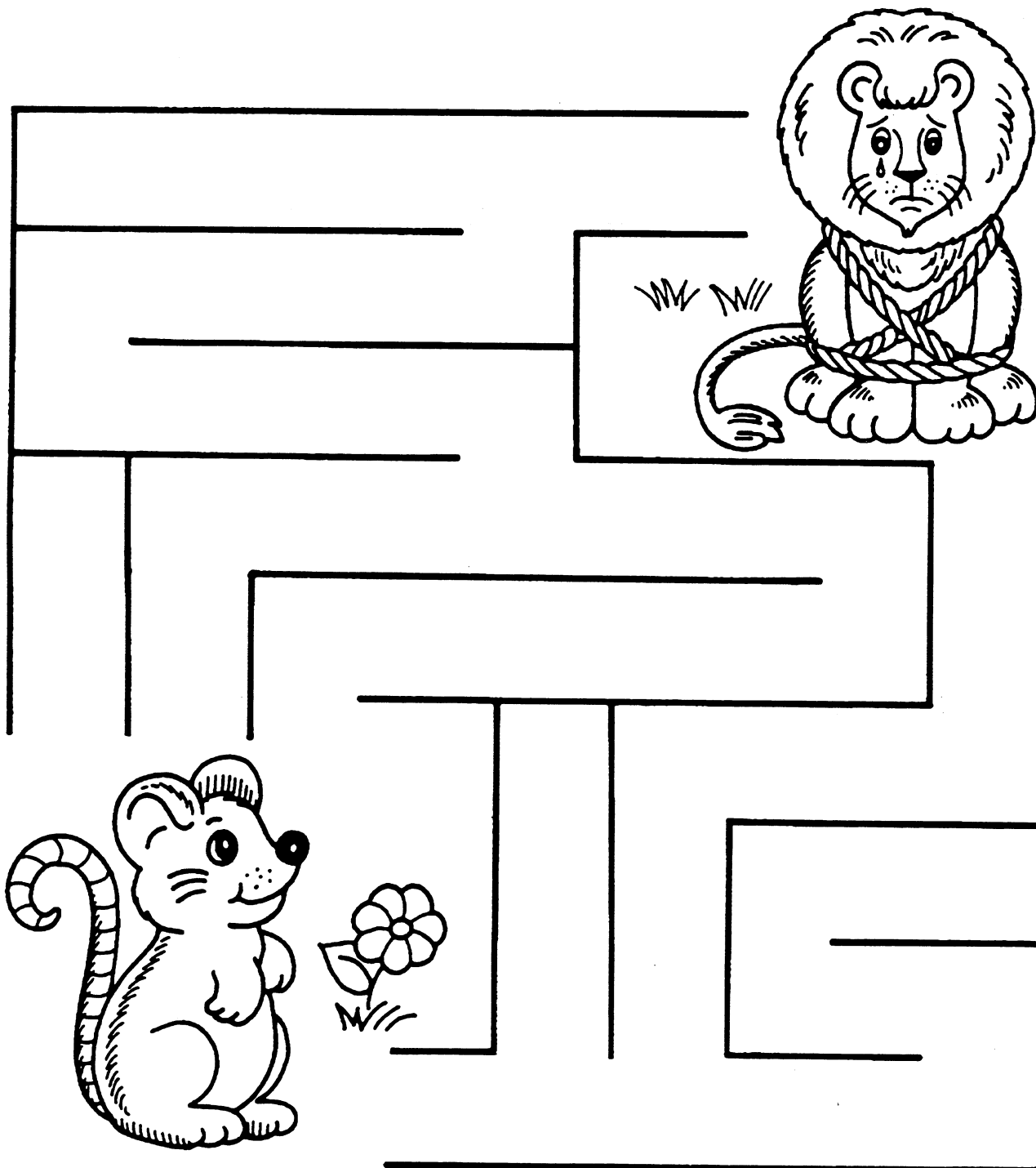
**"What Would Happen If..."** Teacher asks children questions...

- (1) What would happen if the lion did not set the mouse free?
- (2) What would happen if the mouse had not chewed the rope off the lion?



# The Lion Rescue

1. Help the mouse rescue the lion.
2. Color the picture.



# Retell The Fable

1. Color, cut out, and laminate the pieces.
2. Choose one of the following:
  - a. Attach magnetic strips to each piece to stick to a magnetic board.
  - b. Glue felt or sandpaper behind each piece to stick to a flannel board.
  - c. Attach a stick behind each piece for a hand-held puppet.
3. Child retells the fable with the pieces.

