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Visual: Print animal faces and mitten on cardstock. Laminate and cut out!

Glue/staple the mitten to the front of a baggie or brown paper bag.

visuals from: https://www.janbrett.com/put_the_animals_in_the_mitten.htm

The Mitten (to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

Verse 1

The mitten in the snow

The mitten in the snow

Help us please so we won't freeze

The mitten in the snow

Verse 2

A _____ squeezes in

A _____ squeezes in

Help us please so we won't freeze

The mitten in the snow

Objectives: Literacy/pre-reading skills, "Wh" questions, sequencing

Directions: Give each child an animal visual. Begin reading the book. Have children sing verse 1 along with you after each of the first few pages. After you read about the first animal (the mole), sing verse 2 inserting the word "mole" in the verse. Ask who has the mole, and have the student put it into the mitten baggie. Repeat verse 2 after reading about each animal. After the last animal, have everyone pretend to sneeze and shake the animal visuals out of the mitten. You may also choose to ask "wh" questions throughout or at the end, depending on the needs of your students!

Sample Questions:

What color was the mitten?

How many animals went into the mitten?

What was the boy's name?

Why did the animals go into the mitten?

Why was Niki's mitten so big at the end?

What other animals might like to go in?

What time of year does it get cold?

Where do these animals normally live?

What if the bear had not sneezed?

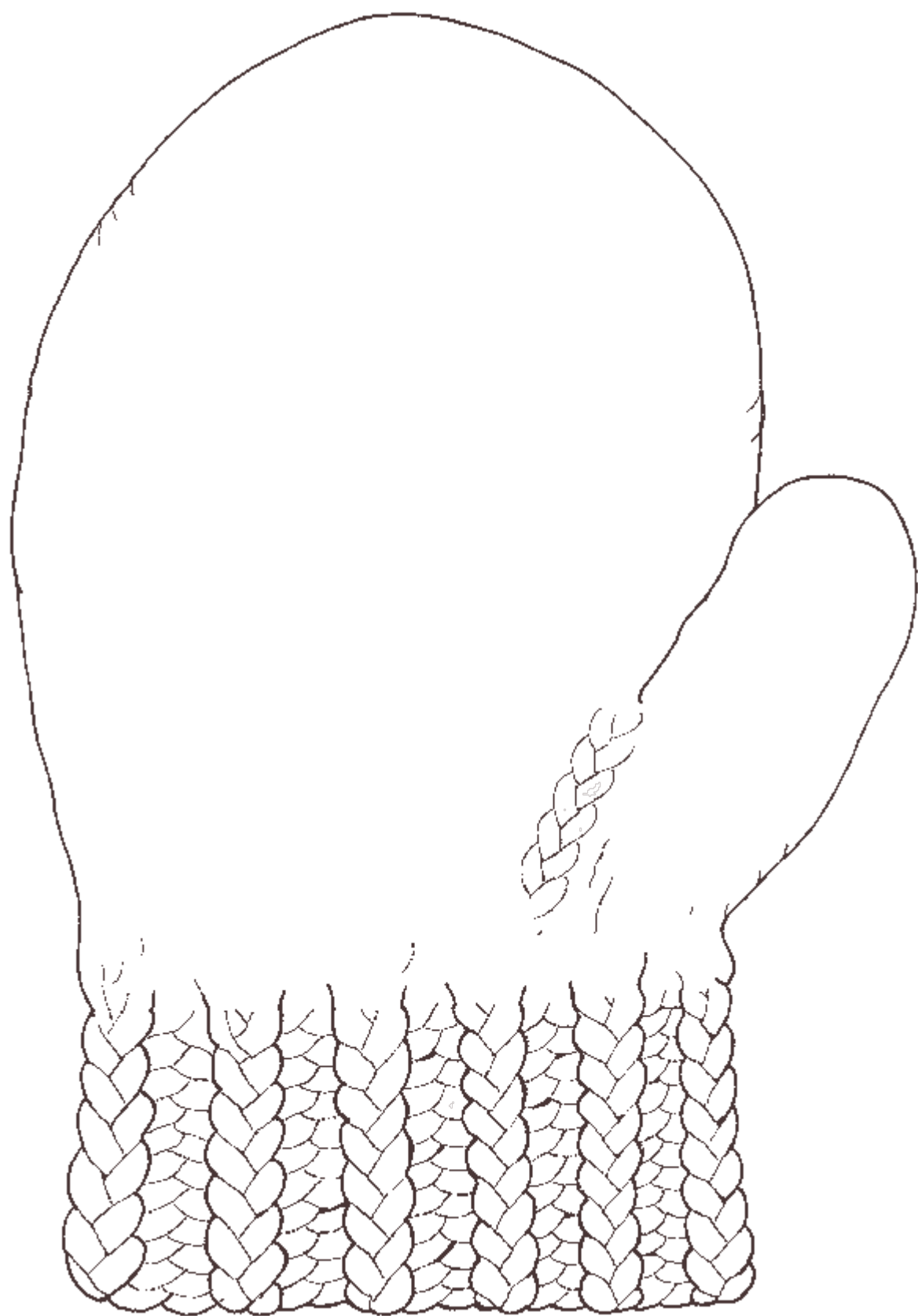
What if Nicki found the animals?

How would it feel to be in the mitten?

OR check out the "wh" questions on p.6!









The Rabbit

WHO has strong legs?
WHO is full of energy?
WHO likes to hop and jump?
RABBIT, that's who!



The Hedgehog

WHO likes to explore?
WHO is determined?
WHO protects himself very well?
HEDGEHOG, that's who!



The Owl

WHO is always on the lookout?
WHO does not want to miss anything?
WHO wants to join the fun?
OWL, that's who!



The Badger

WHO loves a surprise?
WHO is friendly?
WHO has bright eyes?
BADGER, that's who!



The Mole

WHO is quiet?
WHO works hard?
WHO has a velvety coat?
MOLE, that's who!



The Fox

WHO is curious?
WHO is very smart?
WHO is proud of his ruddy coat?
FOX, that's who!



The Bear

WHO is very big?
WHO has a deep voice?
WHO gets a job done?
BEAR, that's who!



The Mouse

WHO is little?
WHO is playful?
WHO likes excitement?
MOUSE, that's who!