

Title of book: *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear*

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Reading Level: K

Genre: Fantasy

Synopsis:

In this story we quickly realize that we are the narrator and we are actually in the story. We are warning the little mouse about the Big Hungry Bear's love for strawberries. The little mouse picks the strawberry anyway and we tell him that there is only one way that the Big Hungry Bear won't get to it. The little mouse must cut it in half and give us half of it while eating the other half on his own. This way it will be gone before the Big Hungry Bear ever has a chance of getting to the strawberry, or the mouse.

Theme: Sharing

Activity One: Sharing Poster

- Original----Jeff Mendenhall
- The objective of this activity is to discuss the importance of sharing and the things that we can share.
- Before reading the text the instructor should make a poster and discuss sharing with the class. The instructor shall write on the poster what sharing is, why it is important, and take the opinions of the students some of the things that they may share with one another.

Activity Two: Acting Out

- Original----Jeff Mendenhall
- The objective of this activity is for the students to be a part of the story.
- After the instructor has read the story and it has been discussed, the class will be split into groups of three. There will need to be a narrator (fox), a mouse, and a Big Hungry Bear. The narrator will read the story and act the story out, while the other characters just act out the story. This may be done several times, giving each person a chance to be each character.