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A #REAL Adventure Book

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LOVEY MOUSE

in

The Night Before

CHRISTMAS

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HOW TO USE THIS ADVENTURE BOOK

Your *Lovey Mouse in The Night Before Christmas* adventure book and audio narration is set up to walk your child through the book on his or her own. With parental assistance as needed per the age of your child.

Take a moment to visit www.LivePowerfullyNow.org to <u>download your</u> <u>free adio narration</u>. Click on Store in the top navigation bar - EBooks/PDFs/Audio and then scroll down to the Lovey Mouse Coloring Book Audio. Place an order for one and add **AUDIOFREE** as the coupon code. You will recieve two emails, the final will have the download in it.

Experience the journey:

Have ready the audio download via your computer or device of your choosing. Crayons and colored pencils are the perfect compliment with this book.

At *Live Powerfully Now* we highly recommend the family coming together for a fun experience of walking through the adventure, so parents are able to answer some questions that may come up during the story.

We'd love to hear from you about your Adventure Book journey. Send us pictures of your child/family enjoying the journey together to Kelly at info@LivePowerfullyNow.org and let us know how it went.



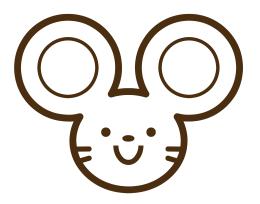
Lovey Mouse with a candy cane.



Lovey Mouse with an elf's hat.



Lovey Mouse with Santa's hat.



Lovey Mouse

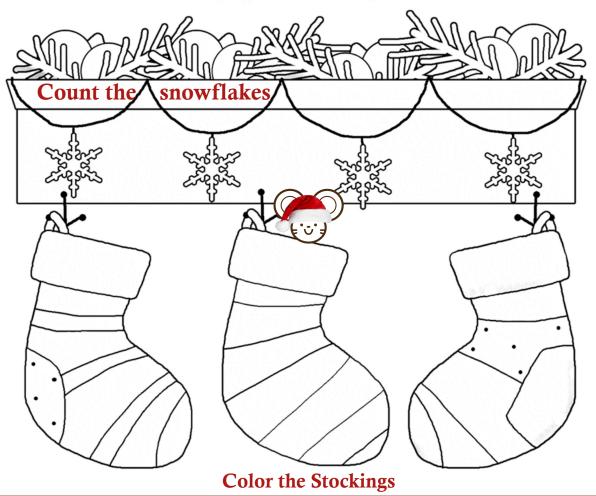
Seek-n-Find Lovey Mouse on the other pages of this book.

(Hint: Lovey may have other disguises on)

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, little children were stirring in search of Lovey Mouse

The stockings were hung but what would they reap? If Gwen's night-toy stayed missing, no-one would sleep.

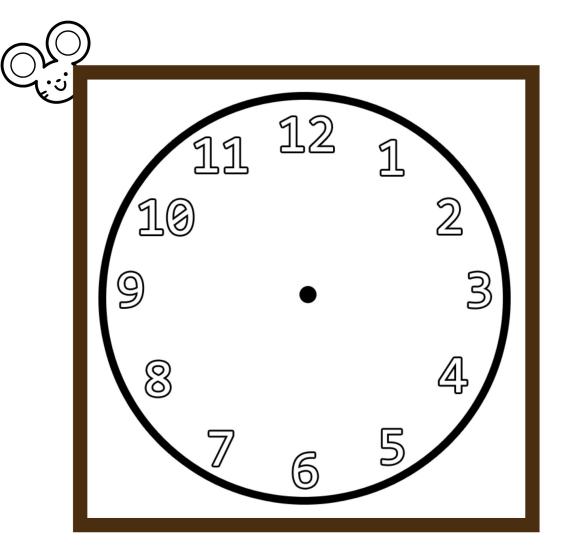
My family all hustled looking under each bed. As I began to worry, Daddy patted my head.



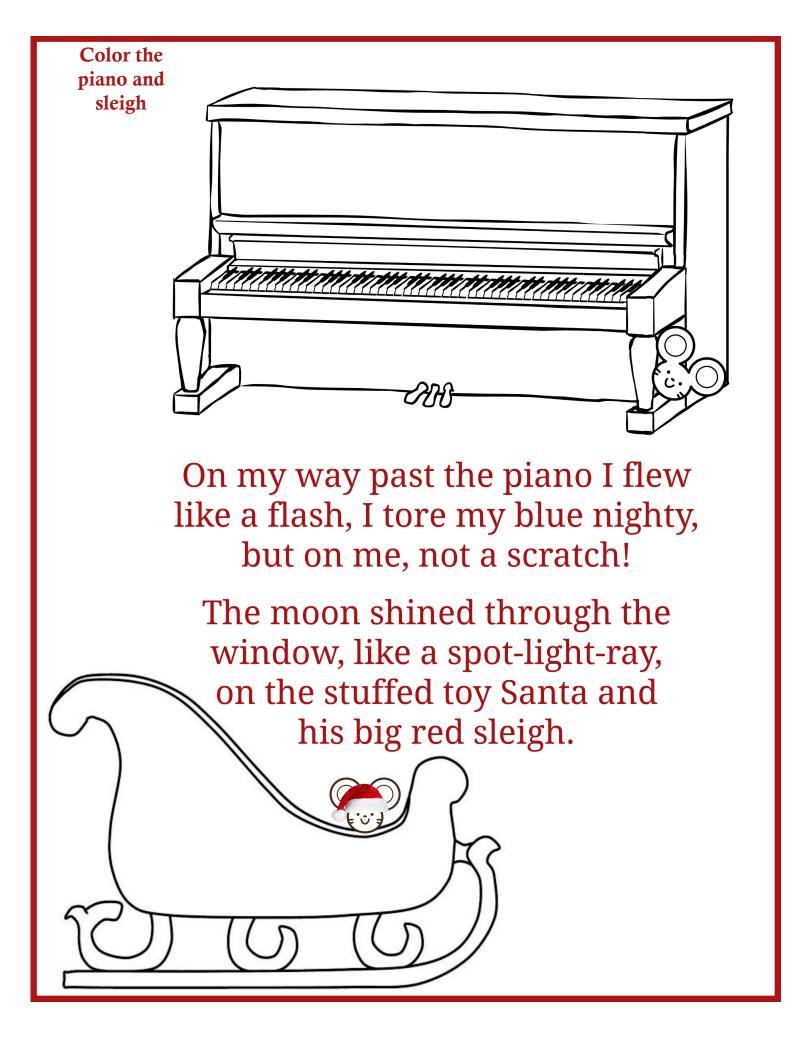
Not mommy, not daddy, not brother, nor me could seem to find Lovey, though we looked frantically.

The clock struck midnight when I heard the gate,

"Oh no," I whispered, "We're already too late."



Draw hands on the clock

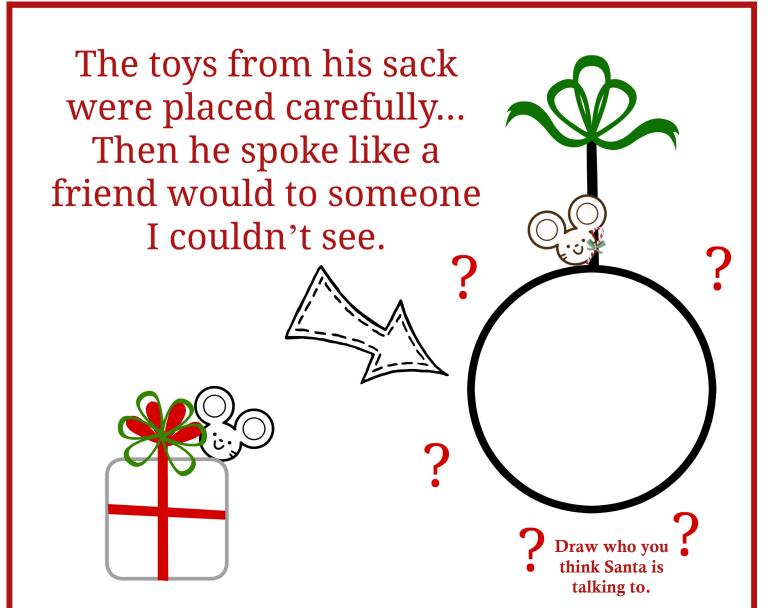




I took Lovey to Mommy then jumped in bed quick, for I knew I was racing good ole St. Nick. I thought I'd waited long enough for Santa to go, after all we're in Texas, clear skies... no snow!

But mid-step I froze, and what did I see? Santa's hat in his hand, his head bowed on one knee.



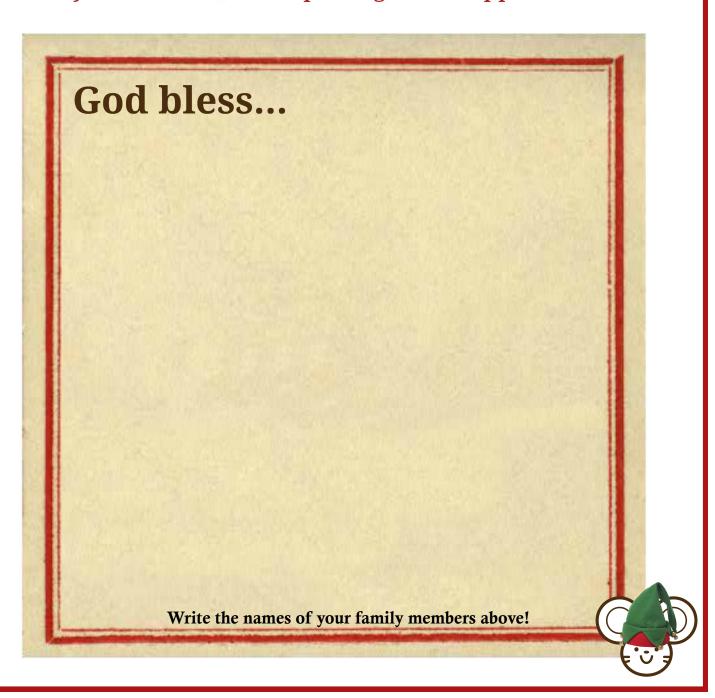


"In thishouse," he said, with a tear sprinkled beard, "there's a gift far greater than I've delivered here. They know You, dear Jesus. Father's words adorn their walls. Your Spirit shines brightly for Your old man Claus."

I hid a while longer, and couldn't help but stare, who'd have thought I'd find Santa humbled in prayer.

He bowed his head lower and I did the same, but looked up when I heard my family listed by name.

"Bless Hunter, bless Harper, bless Fischer and Gwen..."
My heart raced, not expecting what happened then.



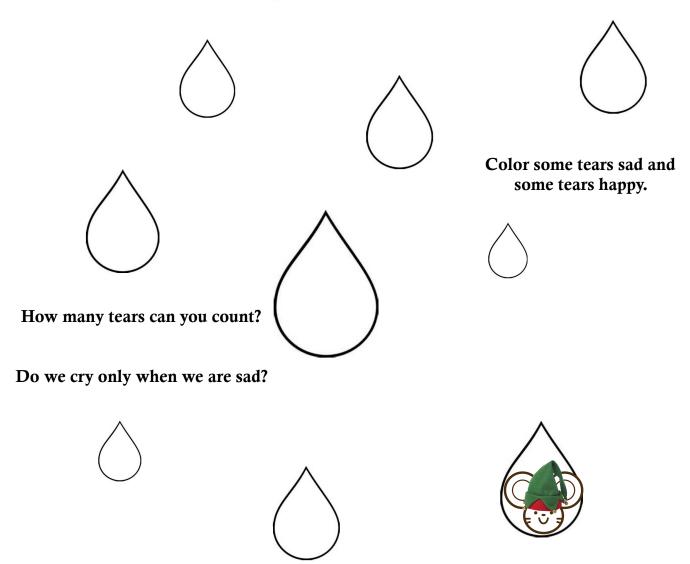
I slipped right next to Santa and he reached out his hand, "Father bless sweet Eliza Jean, may she believe in your Son, Jesus, whom she's not actually seen."

JESUS SAID, BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOVE BELIEVED BUT NOT SEEN. JOHN 20:29



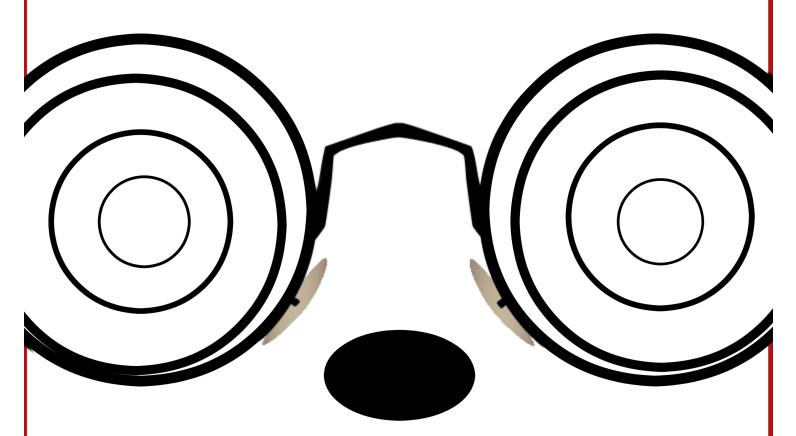
Draw anything that makes you smile on this page...

I guess he couldn't help it, though it seemed like he tried, Santa's big shoulders shook softly while he cried.



He took out a tissue, placed it to his nose, pinched tightly then quietly, gave it two blows.

There with a peace I'd not felt before, as Santa prayed boldly to his best friend once more.



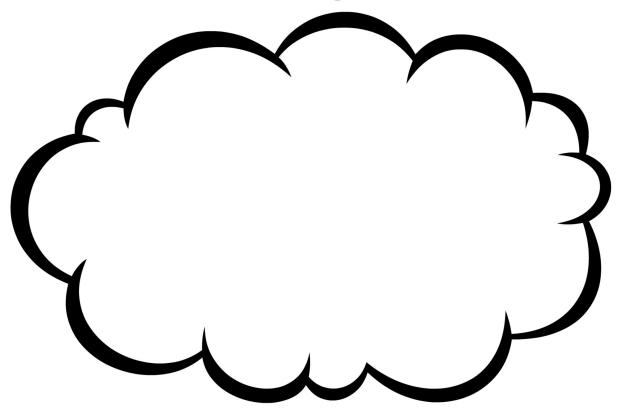
"Thank You, Father, for this family, I'd begun to lose hope, for so many celebrate blindly without You in their

scope."

Color in the big eye glasses above.

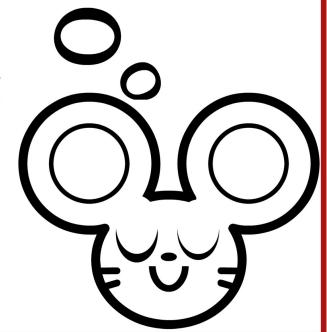
What happens when you cover your eyes?

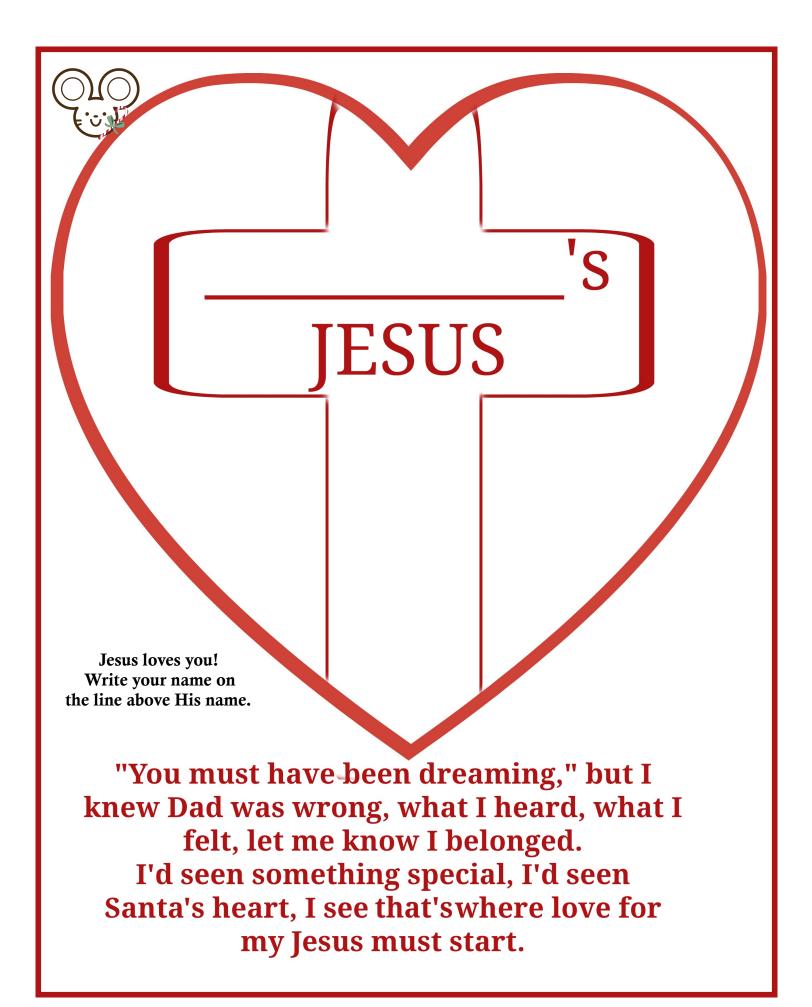
I must have fallen asleep before Santa said amen; because I woke to see **Gwen** holding Lovey Mouse once again.



No one else remembered the night like I did, seeing Santa praying from the spot where I hid.

Draw what you think Lovey is praying about.
Or is Lovey dreaming?





Speaking not a word, I blinked my eyes,
I now know my best gift wasn't
wrapped as a surprise! I jumped to my
feet and let out a whistle, called
attention to the manger, not the tree
with the tinsel...

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem...

"So it was, that while they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:6-7

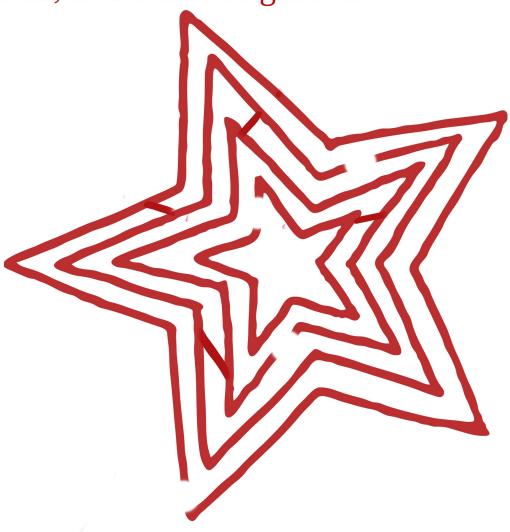


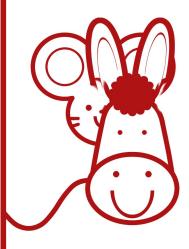
Mom! Dad! It's not about stockings or a special toy, Christmas is about Jesus, God's gift, His baby boy.

Draw people and animals that go in the manger.



Mom hugged my neck and wouldn't let go as she whispered in my ear, "Praise God, now you know." We spent the day together, as we had years before, we opened presents, visited loved ones, and ate food galore.





Draw a special prize in the middle of the star maze then draw a line from the mule through the maze into the center. But this day I'm different and as it comes to an end, I find myself feeling like Jesus is **my** friend.

WHEN I HEAR
AND KNOW
WHAT FATHER
IS DOING,
JESUS CALLS
ME FRIEND.

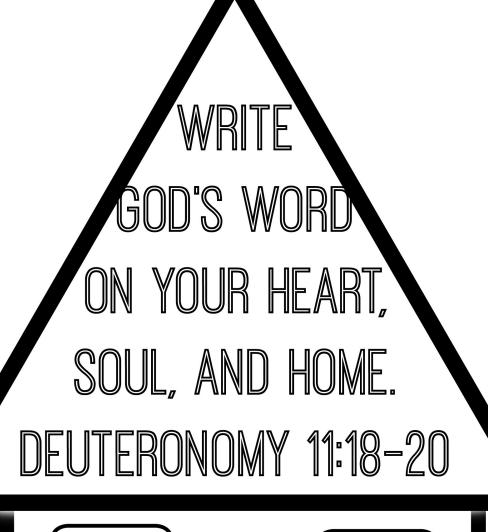
JEHN 15:15

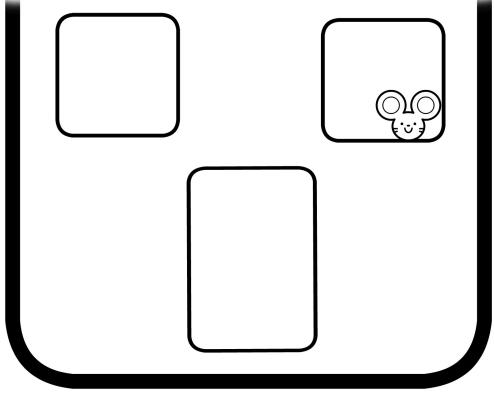
"May we celebrate His birthday with glee and delight, wishing **Merry Christmas** to all and to all a good night!"

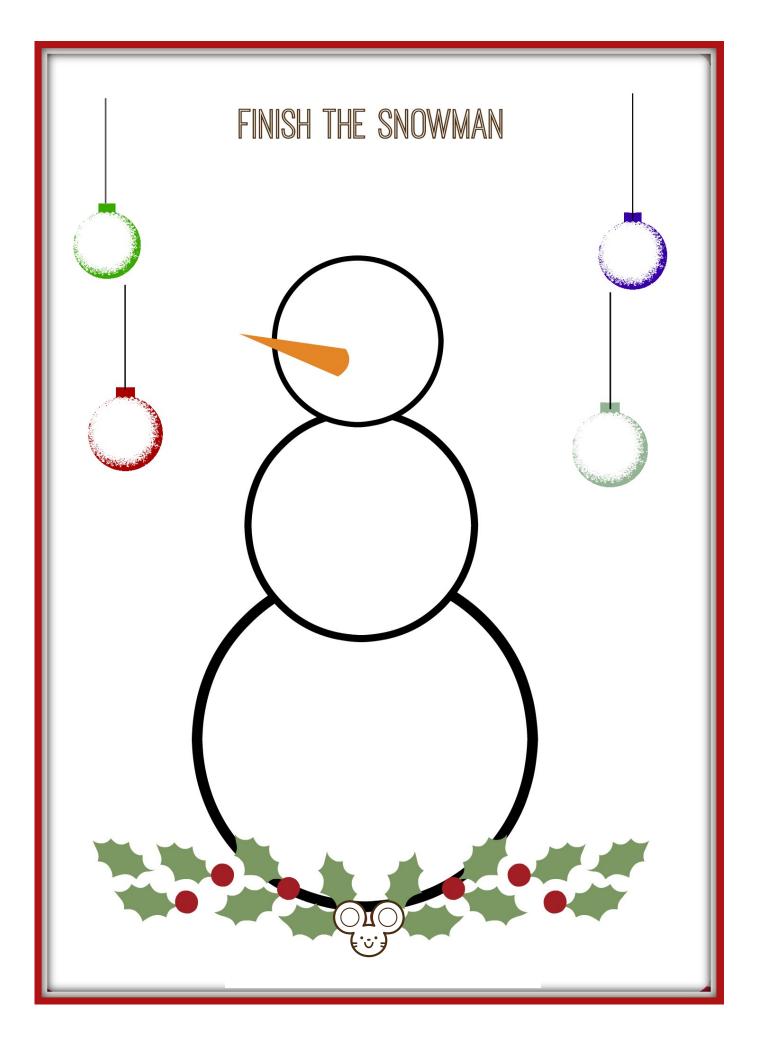
DRAW A CHRISTMAS TREE



and Lovey Mouse!









Lovey Mouse with a candy cane.



Lovey Mouse with an elf's hat.

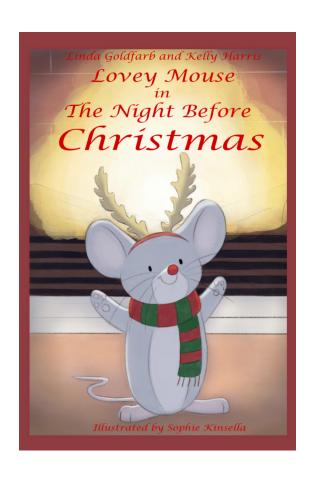


Lovey Mouse with Santa's hat.



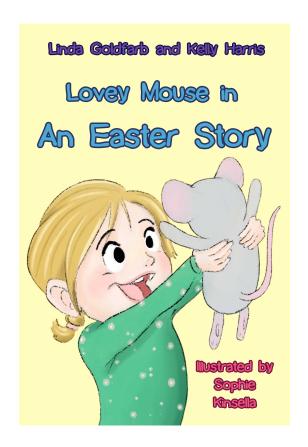
How many Lovey Mouse pictures did you find?

Draw Lovey's other disguises here too.



Be sure to check out our early readers:

Lovey Mouse in The Night Before Christmas and Lovey Mouse in An Easter Story



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On the night before Christmas boys and girls around the world snuggle into bed in anticipation of what Santa will tuck under their tree or place in their stockings when they wake the next morning.

Parents go to bed with an anticipation too, "How can I bring the true meaning of Christmas into our morning routine of unwrapping presents in a way my child can understand without preaching to him?"

Welcome to a #REAL Adventure book, where we tell the story for you. Truth is introduced in a safe way throughout the pages for you to discuss later with your child. Our audio narration also guides the reader/listening to ask questions giving you (mom, dad, grandma or grandpa) as chance to go a little deeper about the true meaning of Christmas. We pray your family enjoys this journey together.

About the Authors

Linda Goldfarb is a veteran writer with a lot of history in front of the microphone. Her ten years as a radio talk show host and twenty years with a professional children's theatre has equipped Linda to speak appropriately into your child. She's the mother of four adult children and Maw-Maw to eight grandchildren. In their fifth successful year of coaching, Linda and her hubby, Sam, lead two parenting classes via *Parenting Awesome Kids* based in San Antonio, TX.

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