

HUSH, LITTLE BUNNY

by David Ezra Stein

ABOUT THE BOOK

Come, little bunny, don't be shy . . .

"Hush Little Baby" is a lullaby that parents have sung to their children for generations.

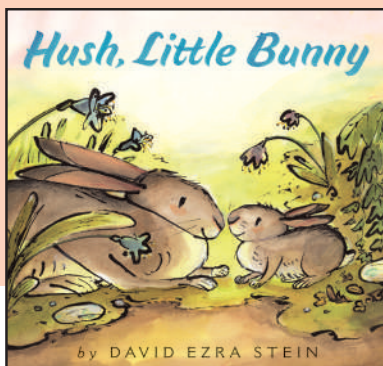
Now Caldecott Honor winner David Ezra Stein has reimagined the classic featuring an irresistible papa bunny and his little one.

This new classic is the perfect gift for Easter, baby showers, Father's Day, and all year long.

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **SING ALONG:** Play the children a version of the original "Hush Little Baby" song. (Many can be found on the Internet, including an entertaining version by Yo-Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin.) Then read the children the story. Ask them what differences they notice between the original song and this story.
- **RHYME OR REASON:** Read the story aloud. Then tell the children that, as you reread the story, they will fill in the missing rhymes. For example, after you read the pages, "Hush, little bunny, don't you cry, Papa's gonna give you the big blue ____," pause so that the children can call out the missing rhyme "sky."
- **LITTLE BUNNY'S DIGS:** Discuss the setting (e.g., meadow, underground burrow, fence) and characters (e.g., Papa, Little Bunny, hawk, blackbird) in the story. Plan how to create a group mural depicting the little bunny's surroundings. Have the children work in small groups so that some are painting the setting on the mural, while others are drawing and cutting out the characters to affix to the mural. Have the children look back at the story to make sure they have added all the necessary characters and details to the mural.
- **FAMILY FUN:** Ask the children to describe how Papa and Little Bunny spend their time together (e.g., running, eating, hiding, playing). Then ask the children to write about their favorite things to do with their family and why. Have the children add an illustration depicting their favorite family activity.
- **IN SEASON:** Discuss the four seasons and how one season follows another. Then, as you read the story, ask the children to identify which seasons are being shown in the illustrations. Ask, "How do you know?" Then have the children create a picture or painting of their favorite season, carefully including details which will help others identify the season that is being represented. When the pictures are completed, have the children share them in a small group. When a child shares, the others should guess which season is represented and explain why.



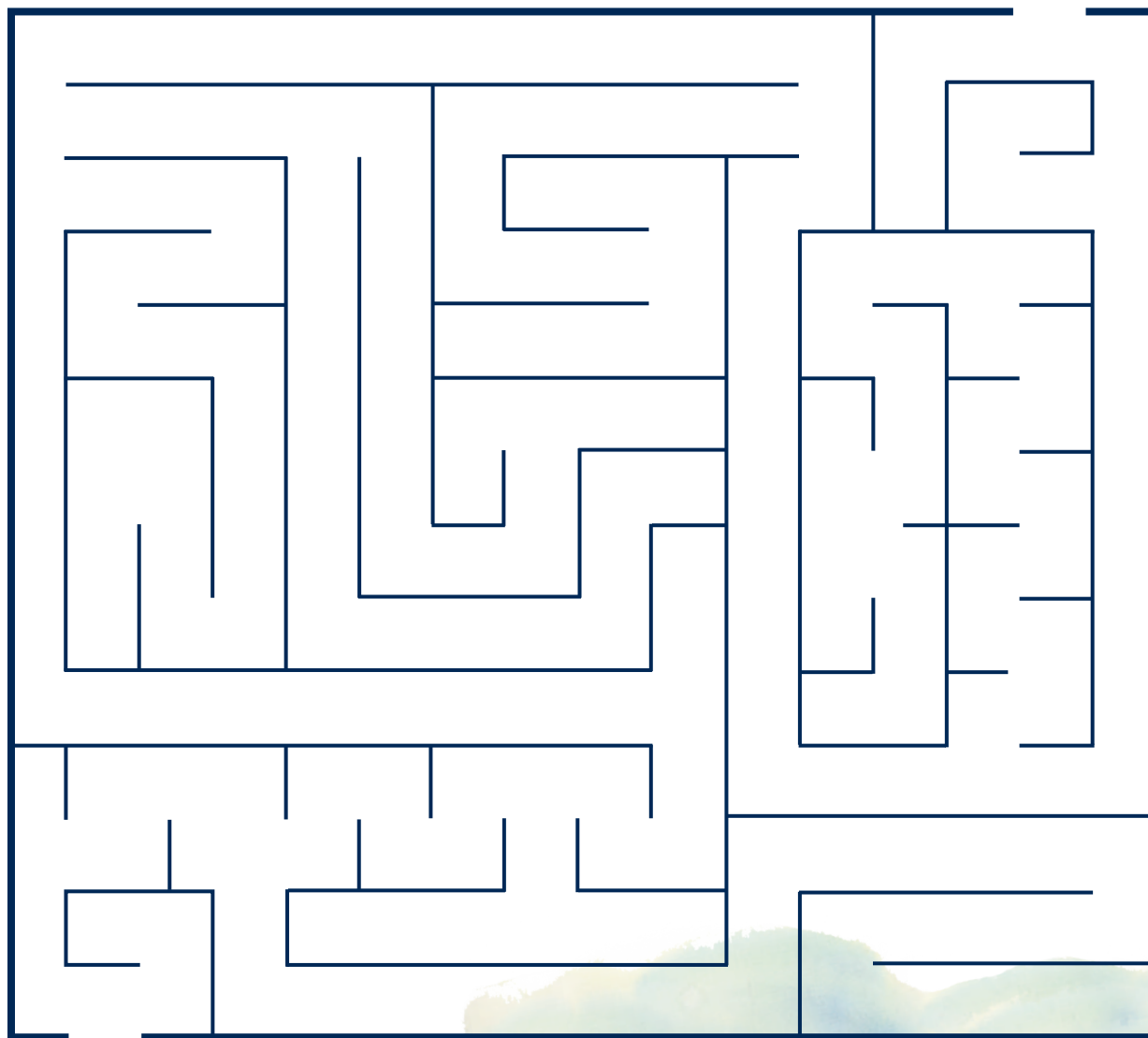


Find the Way Home

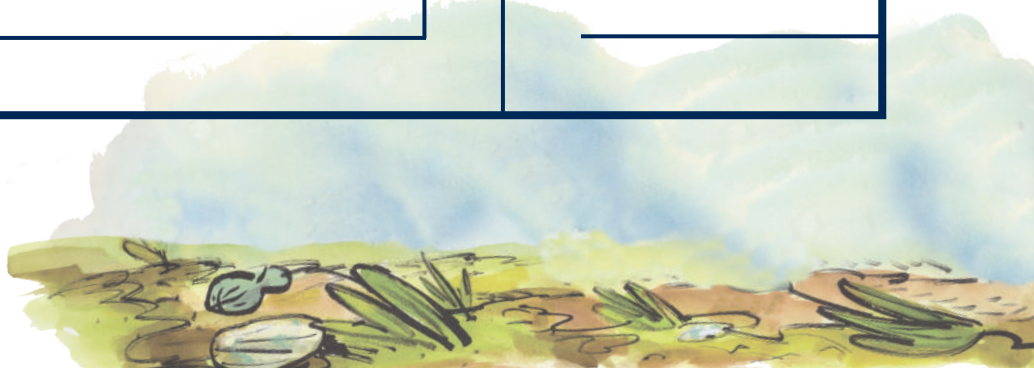
When little bunny becomes lost, papa bunny will find him no matter what he comes across. Help papa bunny find little bunny!

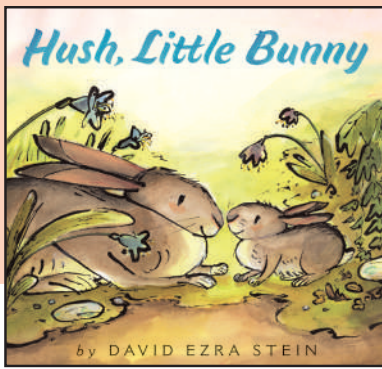


Start



Finish





Lullaby Rhyme

Hush, Little Bunny has a lot of sentences that rhyme. Look at the two groups of words below and draw a line to connect the two words that rhyme!

wing

clover

light

flowers

away

cry

showers

sing

over

play

firefly

flight

