

# I'M A LITTLE TEAPOT

A familiar song is expanded in this colorful story of two children who go on an exciting trip around the world (and out of it, too!) with their adventuresome teapot.

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This rhyme was originally written in 1939 and it still encourages children to use their imaginations. As you read the book with your child, talk about what's happening on each page. Which things on the pages could actually be in your home and which things are probably make-believe?

When you're done reading, help your child to make "an imaginary book" of their own. Put together five or six pieces of blank paper and assemble them by stapling the sheets down the side or by poking holes in the paper and tying them together. On the first page of paper have your child write his/her name, plus a title to make it the cover of the book. For instance, you could write "An Imaginary Book by Johnny Smith". Encourage your child to draw pictures of places or things that he/she may be interested in, whether they are real or imaginary. When they've completed their book, have them turn the pages of the booklet as if it were a real book with words and pictures on each page. Be sure to put a date on the book because it will definitely become a keepsake!