

THERE'S A HOLE IN MY POCKET

Based on a traditional American song, a persistent little elephant is featured in this lighthearted and simple story of a question that just won't get answered.

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Themes: Problem solving, animal identification

As you're reading this book with your child, have them identify the different animals on the pages (father and son are elephants, mail delivery person is a tiger, etc.). As you're getting into the story, ask your child what the problem seems to be (a hole in the child's pocket) and how could it be fixed. See if they can guess this before it's explained at the end.

For a fun activity, get a piece of cardboard (the back of a tablet will work fine). Draw a square pocket on it, like the one the little elephant has on the front of his overalls. Poke or punch holes around it and have your child use a shoestring or a piece of yarn or string that you put tape around the end so that it has a stiff end and have them sew around the edge of the pocket. This will help them put an ending to the story plus help them develop their motor skills.