



"The Holy Mountain" By Horace Pippin

Edward Hicks was an early American folk artist whose "Peaceable Kingdom" painting (see book cover) shows Quaker ideals. Hicks painted 62 versions of this composition. The animals and children are taken from Isaiah 11:6–8. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Hicks He wanted to see peace between the Indians and the settlers. Horace Pippin's Picture "The Holy Mountain" also shows an image of peace. Horace Pippin was a great war hero and famous American folk artist. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Pippin He wanted to see peace as well.

INTRODUCTION

This is a beginning reading book. Children learn about some of God's unusual and interesting animals and look at master art. They practice phonics and beginning reading skills. Beginning Spanish is introduced. According to oncology nurse, Suzanne Robin, in her excellent article "Why Is It Easier for a Child to Learn a New Language Than An Adult" she lists several reasons as to why children learn languages so easily." For a child, learning languages is part of their brain chemistry. They are literally built to absorb information; they do this in an unconscious state of mind like they're learning and they don't realize it." This is the best way for children to learn.

I believe allowing younger children to look at masterworks of art makes them more intelligent and promotes maximum learning. Here are some important rules for teaching beginning reading.

- 1. Make beginning letters large. When you read the letters make the phonetic sound that goes with them. Drawing simple art projects along with them works well for your kinesthetic learners, even if they don't yet have the motor skills to do the drawings, attempting to do it will enhance fine motor skills.
- 2. Second, the younger the child, the shorter the attention span. Show them the words very quickly. They are learning at incredible rates and soaking in everything, but you don't want to lose their attention. When we teach little ones, we must keep in mind that they can be learning to speak Spanish and English with no effort, it is a good time to introduce another language.
- 3. The last step for success in teaching your younger child to read is frequency. You must present the words often for maximum learning. As your child progresses, they will master new words at an incredible rate. Present a word or letter between 15 and 20 times to assure mastery. As you progress, your child will master new words after viewing them only a few times.

Your goal is for children to recognize the words below. You can make note cards and put one word on each card. Go over these words found in the lesson for each letter. At the end of each letter, go to the back of the book and find a fun and educational song about the lesson. Enjoy this book!

WHAT SOUND DOES 'A' MAKE?





Aesop's Fables has the famous story of the ant and the grasshopper.

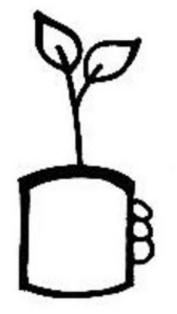
Does this picture give you an idea of how big a grasshopper compared to an ant? Why?

An artist shows scale in a picture. Say the word ant. What sound does "a" make? Sometimes an "a" makes the sound of itself. Say "A." Now let's have some fun with art. We will draw an ant around a plant.

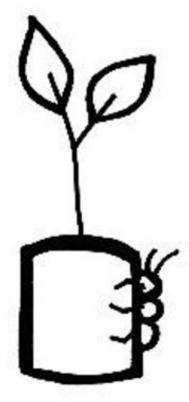
Draw an ant around a plant.

You can know the size of the plant because it is beside the ant. This is showing scale in a picture. Is the plant large or small?

Plant is la planta in Spansh. Go to this website to learn all about plants in Spanish: http://www.enchantedle arning.com/language/spa nish/label/floweringplant /answers.shtml



There is an ant called the red ant. It is a soldier ant. This ant invades other anthills and carries the eggs away. Draw an ant that looks like a soldier. red-rojo



Write some words that rhyme with plant.
Go to this website to see a song about an ant: http://www.lanterntree.com/nurseryrhymes/TheAntsGoMarching.html



Claude Monet did this picture of a plant. Do you see any ants around it? What color are the flowers? Do you think the plant is large? The vase is in the shape of a cylinder. Can you draw a cylinder?



WHAT SOUND DOES 'B' MAKE?



There is a famous story of a tortoise and a hare; another word for hare is bunny.

B is the first letter of the word bunny.

In the picture above point to the bunny and then the turtle. Tortoise is another word for turtle. Go here and watch the fable:

https://tinyurl.com/yyop6ern



The picture below is famous by master artist Albrecht Durer. It is a hare (bunny).