

The Chameleon Who Couldn't Decide

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Suggestions for Family Activities

Toddlers discover the wide range of options available in this world, and the more diverse the offering is, the harder it is to make up your mind. The chameleon in this book is also struggling to decide which color to pick for itself, and finally chooses them all. This book suggests that toddlers and parents alike acknowledge the challenge posed by choosing among several possibilities, while still enjoying them, and the beauty of this world.

**We weave our lives, picking the colors, drawing the patterns,
weaving slowly, one stitch at a time. And time and again we
are surprised to see what has come out...**

(Leah Naor, *Come, Mom*, 2004, Milo Publishing)

A piece of advice when reading as a family

Toddlers “read the illustrations”. Looking at illustrations teaches toddlers to pay attention to detail, while exposing them to art. You could occasionally ask questions related to the illustration, such as: Where’s the fly? What is the chameleon doing?

Color-reading

While reading, you may want to draw your toddlers' attention to the main color that appears in the text and illustration. Even if your toddlers do not know the name of these colors yet, they would be delighted to look at the colorful illustrations.

Arts & crafts – A color-shifting chameleon


Would you like to have a chameleon that changes its color? Please scan the QR code, print the drawing of the chameleon out on a transparency, and see how it can become colorful, spotted, or even checkered.

Items by colors

Do you have a red ball? What else is red at your house? You may enjoy saying the name of a color, and looking for items of this color together around the house: A cucumber, houseplant, and what other green item can you find?

Playing a game of 'Who am I like?'

"I crawl on all fours and change colors like a... chameleon!" take turns deciding on an animal which the parents act out and the toddlers follow suit: "We're lions, let's roar!", "We're puppies, let's bark and wag our tails!"

 – Chameleons, arts & crafts, and colors are available on the Sifriyat Pijama Pinterest.