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THE ITTY BITTY APE



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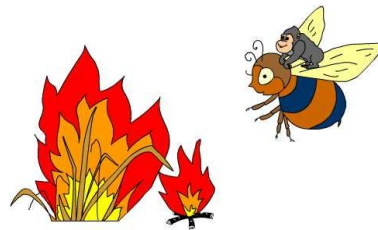
The Itty Bitty Ape

Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Ape.
The Itty Bitty Ape, you see,
Could ride on the back
Of a honeybee!

Together they would fly
Way up into the sky.
WAY, WAY HIGH!
Up into the sky.

From there the Itty Bitty Ape could see
The very top of the tallest tree.
He could see so far, far away
That the distance was hard to say!

One day when taking a flight
He and the bee saw a horrible sight!
A fire was burning the hay
And was headed over this way!



The Itty Bitty Ape flew down
To warn the animals on the ground.
But they laughed and laughed
OH, ME!
Because it was a fire they could not see!

The Itty Bitty Ape shouted over and over,
“You better get out of the clover
There’s danger headed your way
And it’s coming, coming today!”
NO WAY, THEY SAY!

The animals could only tell
A fire by the smoky smell
Or the roar of the flames getting near
As they listened with an ear.

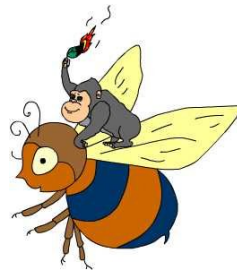
The Itty Bitty Ape again flew high
On the back of the bee, oh my!
He saw the flames getting closer
And they were BIG,
EVEN WORSER!

The Itty Bitty Ape said to the bee
Perhaps maybe we should flee
And get safely, safely away,
Away from the fire that's in the hay!
NOT TODAY!

We have friends on the ground
So again we must go down.
This time I'll jump and shout
"There's a fire—please get out!"

The animals again just stood.
They could not smell the burning wood.
Oh, me—oh my—ALAS!
Here comes the fire in the burning grass!

So the Itty Bitty Ape, and the bee
Went flying to a burning tree.
There they grabbed a flaming leaf
And then flew faster, and faster
WHAT A RELIEF!



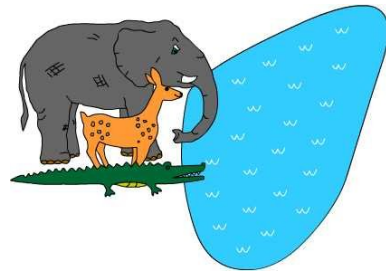
They dropped the smoking hunk
Beside the elephant, near his trunk.
An elephant's trunk is a funny nose
It's a funny nose on a very long hose!

THERE IT GOES!

His nose goes high into the air
To smell the fire that's burning there.
A fire burning, burning its way
To the animals in the hay!

“SAY!” said the elephant,
The Itty Bitty Ape, (it's true!)
Is warning we animals, me and you!
About a fire in the jungle hay.
It's very big, and headed our way!
SO GET AWAY!

The animals went swiftly to the lake
As the Itty Bitty Ape flew high to take
Another look at the fire burning fast.
It burned and burned... and finally passed.
AT LAST!



The Itty Bitty Ape, with his friend, the bee
Saved the animals!
WHOPPEE! WHEE!
The Itty Bitty Ape knew what was true
And stuck with it—that's what you do!

And he lived happily ever after...

LESSON PLAN

What did the Itty Bitty Ape see that his friends could not see?

What did the Itty Bitty Ape take to his friends to prove that they were in danger?

Name some of the rhyming words in the story....

Did the Itty Bitty Ape leave, or stay to help his friends?

Should you try to help others, if it is safe for you to do that?

Who helped the Itty Bitty Ape?