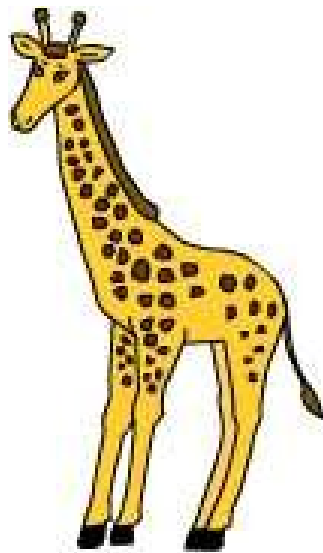


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THE ITTY BITTY GIRAFFE



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The Itty Bitty Giraffe

Once upon a time
There was an Itty Bitty Giraffe
He was so very small
The other animals would laugh, “TEE-HEE!”

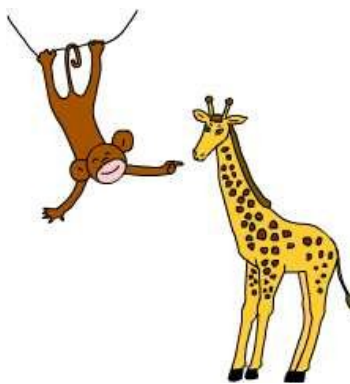
The Itty Bitty Giraffe
Was sad to be small
He wanted badly
To be very, very tall!

It’s hard to have friends
When you’re different, you see
And all you hear
Is TEE-HEE-HEE!

What do I do to have friend?
What do I buy, what do I send?
If I give them money
Will they like me then?

If I bring them treats
So lovely and sweet
Will they start to think,
“WOW! He’s neat?”

“What if I say they’re very pretty!
“What if I say they’re very witty!
“Will they like me as a friend?
“Will they like me, like me then?”



“WHAT DOES IT TAKE
“TO HAVE A FRIEND?”

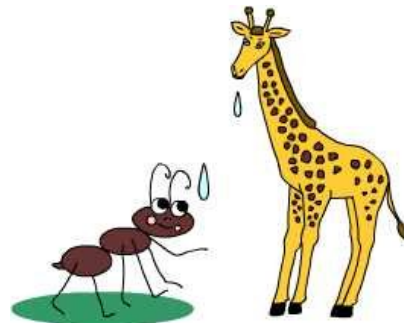
“I’ll change my color
“From yellow and brown
“I’ll wear funny make-up
“And act like a clown!”

Even though he’d try and try.
No friends came forth. Why oh why?
The Itty Bitty Giraffe began to cry
They were Itty Bitty Tears...
MY! OH MY! OH MY!

One Itty Bitty Tear
Fell to the ground
It landed on an ant
Just walking around!

“What is this?”
Said the ant out loud,
“Can it be rain
From a passing cloud?”

He looked up
And there standing high
Was the Itty Bitty Giraffe
With another tear, a tear in his eye.



Why,” said the ant,
“Why do you cry?
“You look very sad
“My taller Friend than I!”

The Itty Bitty Giraffe
(Between snuffles, of course)
Told how the laughing
Made him feel even worse!

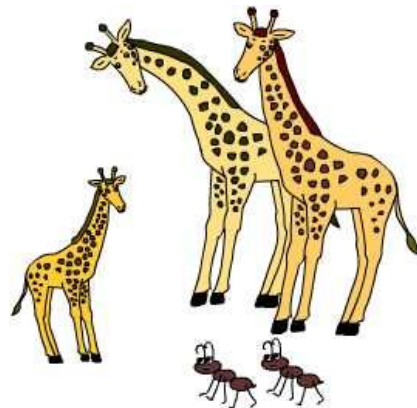
Said the ant to the animals
“You shouldn’t be so mean
“Cause this Itty Bitty Giraffe
“Wants to be friendly,
“And I think that is KEEN!”

“Being different isn’t bad.
“When you laugh
“You make him sad,
“SO VERY SAD!”

“Just show him
“That you really care
“And he will always,
“Always be there!”

The Itty Bitty Giraffe
Had friends from that day forth.
Short ones and tall ones,
They all have worth!

And he lived happily ever after....



LESSON PLAN

What did the other animals do that made the Itty Bitty Giraffe cry?

What did the Itty Bitty Giraffe try to do to make the other animals like him?

Who was the first animal to notice how unhappy the Itty Bitty Giraffe was?

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

What did the ant do for the unhappy Giraffe?

Tell us about a new or different person who you helped feel good...