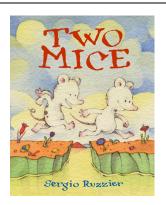
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Two Mice by Sergio Rozzier



Set off on an adventure with two mice as they go about their day confronted by small quantities all around them. Follow these two mice to see how they negotiate what happens when they're confronted with 3 cookies for the 2 of them, when there are 3 boats to cross the river but only 2 oars, or when it seems like they will be 2 snacks for 3 baby birds.

- As the story begins to unfold, help your child think about and compare the quantities that are in the story. Why might the mouse be upset about the 3 cookies? Why are the 2 mice happy to see 2 eggs? The ideas of more, less, and equal are not always obvious, but they are at the very center of the action in this story.
- Sing "5 Little Monkeys" or other familiar finger plays that help children recognize numbers 1 through 5 or 10.