



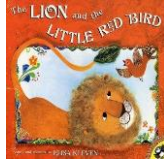
Let's Find Out About It: Distinctive Colors Of Plants

Standards:

ELA.RL.KID.PS.3

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Materials:

- *The Lion and the Little Red Bird*
- plant images resource
 - thawed frozen strawberry or raspberry
 - clear ziplock bag
 - paintbrush
 - paper

Vocabulary:

- mural
- mashing
- celery
- cucumber
- camouflage

Preparation: Gather materials.

Let's Find Out About It:

"In *The Lion And The Little Red Bird*, the lion painted a **mural** on the wall of his cave."

Show illustrations.

"The lion is painting using berry red juice. The book doesn't tell us what berry made the red juice. It might have been a strawberry or a raspberry."

Show images.

"I'm going to show you how to make red juice for painting by **mashing** this strawberry."

What do you notice?

Model mashing the strawberry in the ziplock bag. Use the brush to make strokes with the dye on paper

"What other colors did he use to paint the **mural**? What might he have used to make this color?"

Show images.

Children respond.

Things that grow in nature are often colorful. Flowers have many different colors and it helps us to recognize what flower it is.

Show images.

Fruits also have different colors. Sometimes the color is always the same, like **celery** or **cucumbers**. Sometimes the same food can come in different colors, like these apples.

Show images.

"How is being colorful helpful to a plant?"

Children respond.

"Colors can **camouflage** a plant, protecting it from animals and people. Here is an image of a plant. What do you notice?"

Children respond.

"How is being **camouflaged** helpful to a plant?"