

# *Carrie Mouse and the Piano Lesson*

## **A Lesson in Perseverance**

**Objective:** To teach children the importance of perseverance

**Target age group:** 4-6 year olds

**Materials:** *Carrie Mouse and the Piano Lesson*, Perseverance sheet, color sheet

**Procedure:**

- Ask the children to name some times they tried to do something new that was hard, or something they didn't do right the first time (like learning a new instrument or a new skill)
- Tell the children you are going to share a story with them about a mouse who learned something new
- Read *Carrie Mouse and the Piano Lesson*.
- Give each child a copy of the Perseverance sheet and ask them to draw pictures of something they had to try hard to learn.
- Discuss the things the children drew and why it is important to keep trying to learn new things
- As a follow up activity, make butter, or do frozen penny activity (instructions following)
- Bonus: color sheet of Carrie Mouse playing the piano

## **Making Butter**

Supplies:

A container with a lid for each child or groups of children

whipping cream

small amount of salt (optional)

bread or crackers

Give each child or group of children a container half filled with whipping cream. Make sure the lids are secure. Have the children shake the containers until the cream becomes butter. Explain to the children that this process takes some time. After the butter is made, add the optional pinch of salt and mix it up. Spread the butter on crackers or bread and enjoy!

## **Frozen Penny**

Supplies:

Ice cubes with a penny frozen inside for each child

Give each child an ice cube with a penny inside. The object is for the children to get the penny out of the ice cube without smashing the cube or putting it in their mouths. Students can work in teams. Discuss the activity after teams are successful in removing the penny.

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# PERSEVERANCE



Carrie Mouse had to keep trying to learn to play her favorite song. Draw a picture of something you had to try hard to learn.

