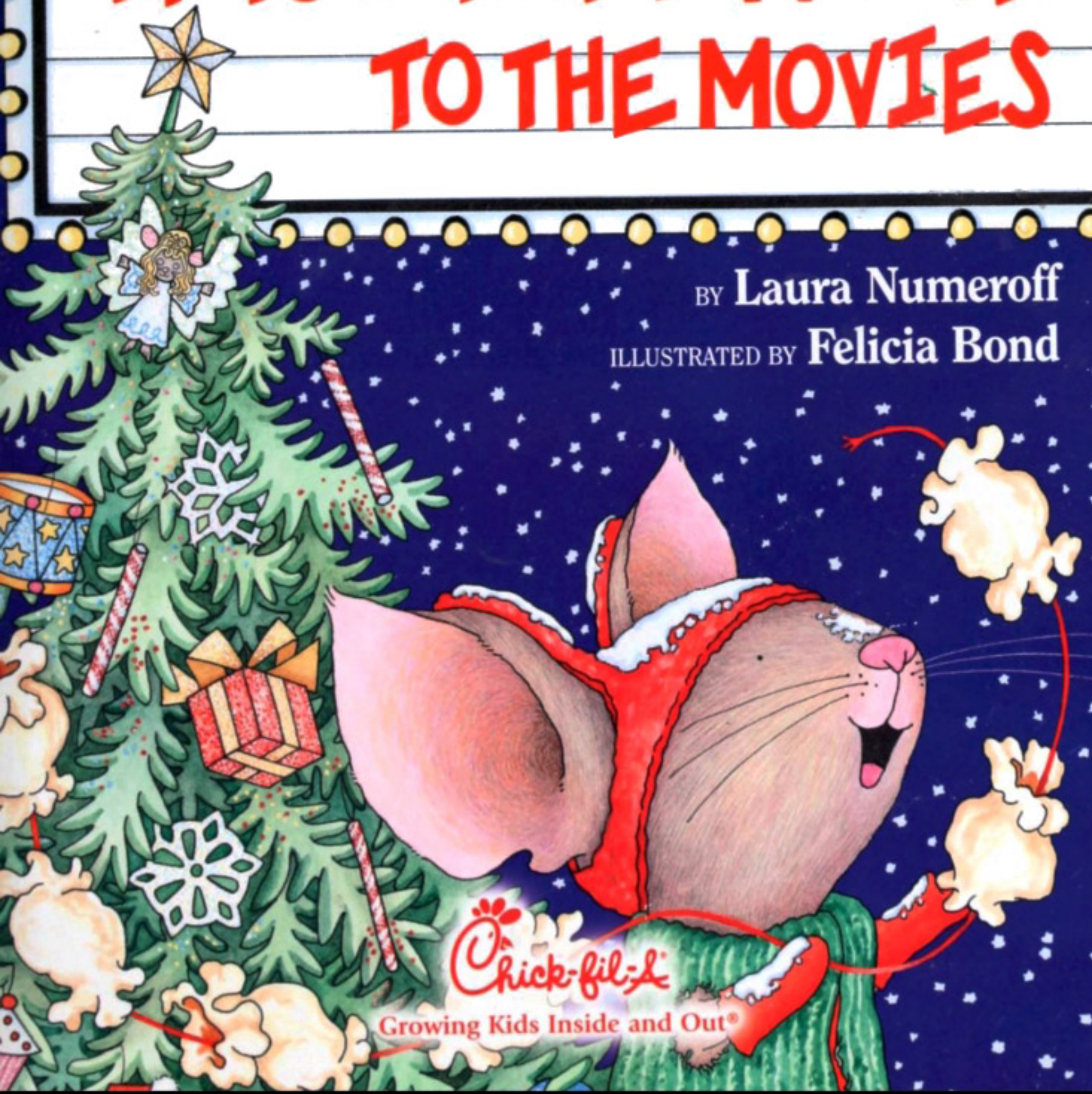


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Just Imagine Make reading an adventure, as you share priceless storytelling moments with your child. To enhance your reading experience, we recommend trying some of the following activities:

- As the story is read, encourage your child to play the part of the mouse. At the end of a sentence, ask your child what the mouse might be thinking or saying.
- Have your child look at the expressions on the faces of the characters to see if they are angry, happy excited or surprised. Ask your child if he/she knows what the characters are feeling.
- Ask your child, "Is the boy having fun as he runs after the mouse?" and "What do you think the boy is thinking?"
- Ask your child, "Why does the mouse keep hopping from one thing to the next?" and "At the end of the story, do you think the mouse has learned a lesson, or will he keep running in circles?"

Look Before You Leap Little mouse doesn't plan each step he takes in the story; he simply goes where each idea or thought takes him. The boy constantly runs to get things for the mouse. What if the mouse thought of the things he needed ahead of time? What if he finished one thing before jumping into another? Sometimes we're like the mouse, madly rushing from one thing to the next. Ask your child to think of things he does each day, like getting ready for school. Ask what he could do to avoid a last-minute rush to the school bus. Talk to your child about some other examples of being orderly, such as making a meal or putting together a new toy.

The Word String Game Tell your child that things often remind us of other things. Ask, "What does popcorn remind you of?" He might say, "Movies!" "And what do movies remind you of?" (Popcorn was already used, so let's say, "actors"). Continue this word association activity by building word strings. When you've completed one string, move on to the next. Here are some starter words:

Christmas tree
Snowman
Radio

Movie
Paper



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Sight Words There are over 200 words that are so common we see them many times when we read. With repetition, your child will learn to immediately recognize these words, which will strengthen his/her reading skills. As you read the story, try to spot these sight words.

all	buy	done	go	help	in	is	one
own	sing	so	take	them	together	want	will

For a complete list of Dolch sight words, check the Internet or your local library.



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If you take a mouse to the movies,

he'll ask you for some popcorn.



When you give him the popcorn,





he'll want to string it all together.



Then he'll want to hang it on a Christmas tree.



You'll have to buy him one.



On the way home, he'll see a
snowman in your neighbor's yard.
He'll want to make one of his own.

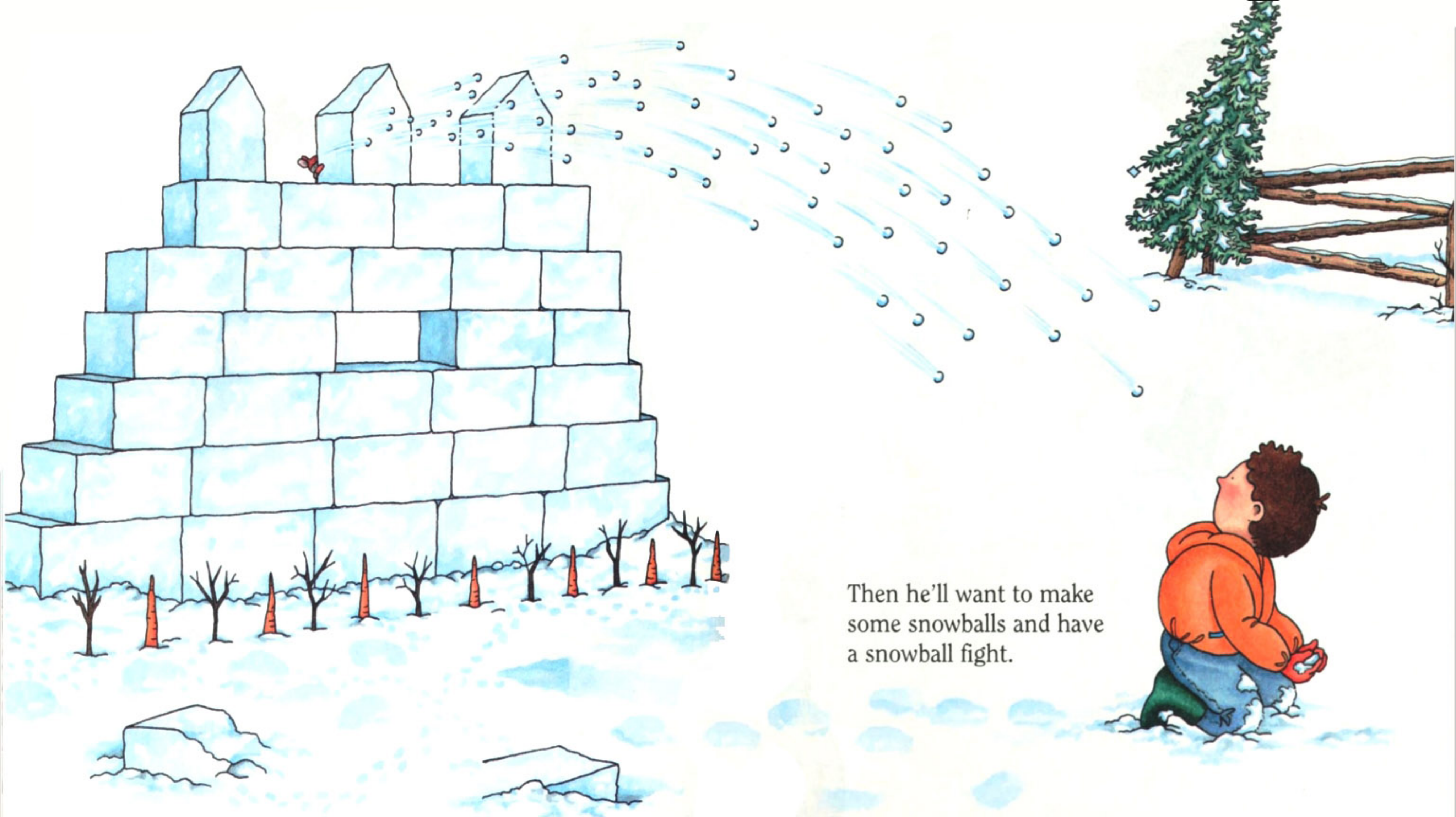




Then he'll need a carrot for a nose.



When he's all finished, he'll decide to build a fort.
He'll ask you to help him.



Then he'll want to make
some snowballs and have
a snowball fight.

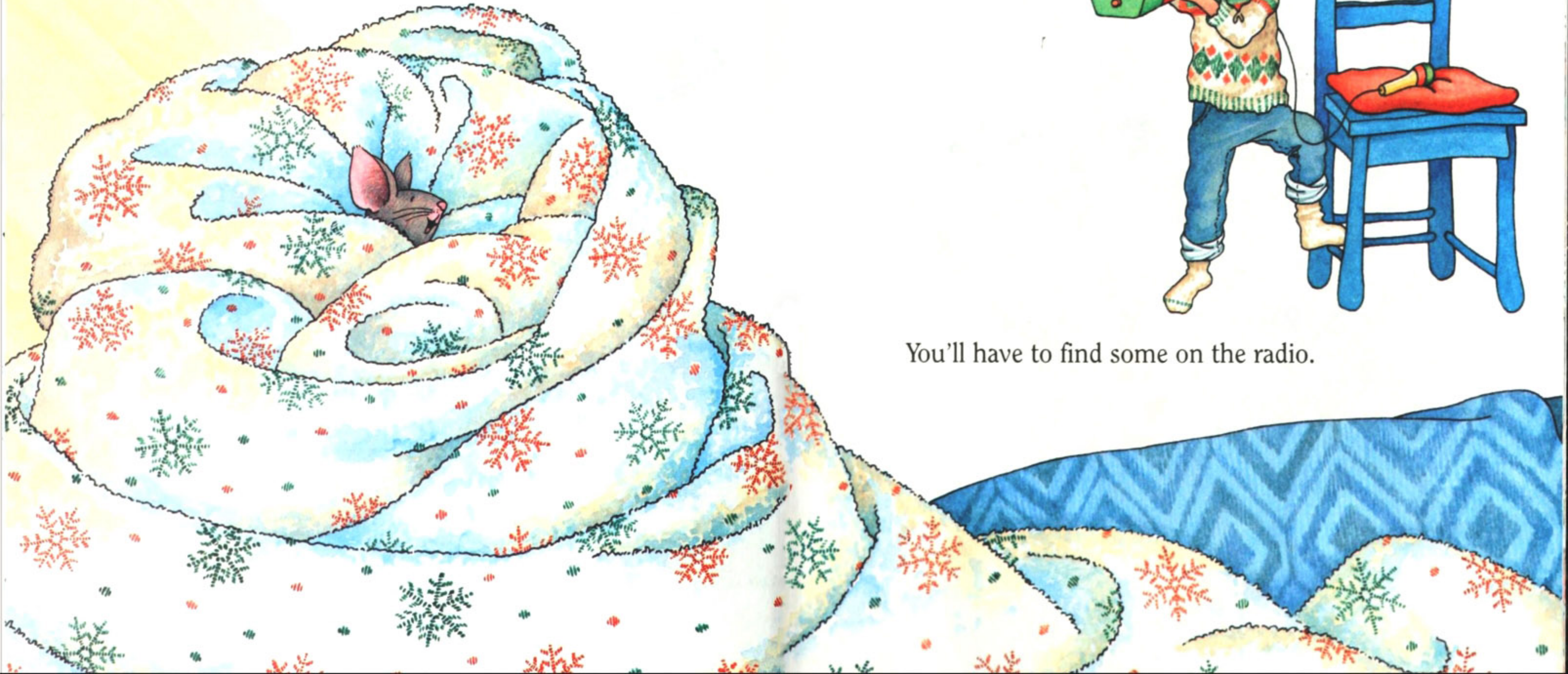


Playing outside will make him cold.
He'll want to go inside and curl up on the couch.



He'll ask you for a blanket.

Once he's nice and cozy,
he'll want to listen to Christmas carols.



You'll have to find some on the radio.

He'll probably sing along.



The carols will remind him of his Christmas tree, so he'll want to make ornaments.



You'll get him some paper and glue.

He'll ask you for glitter.



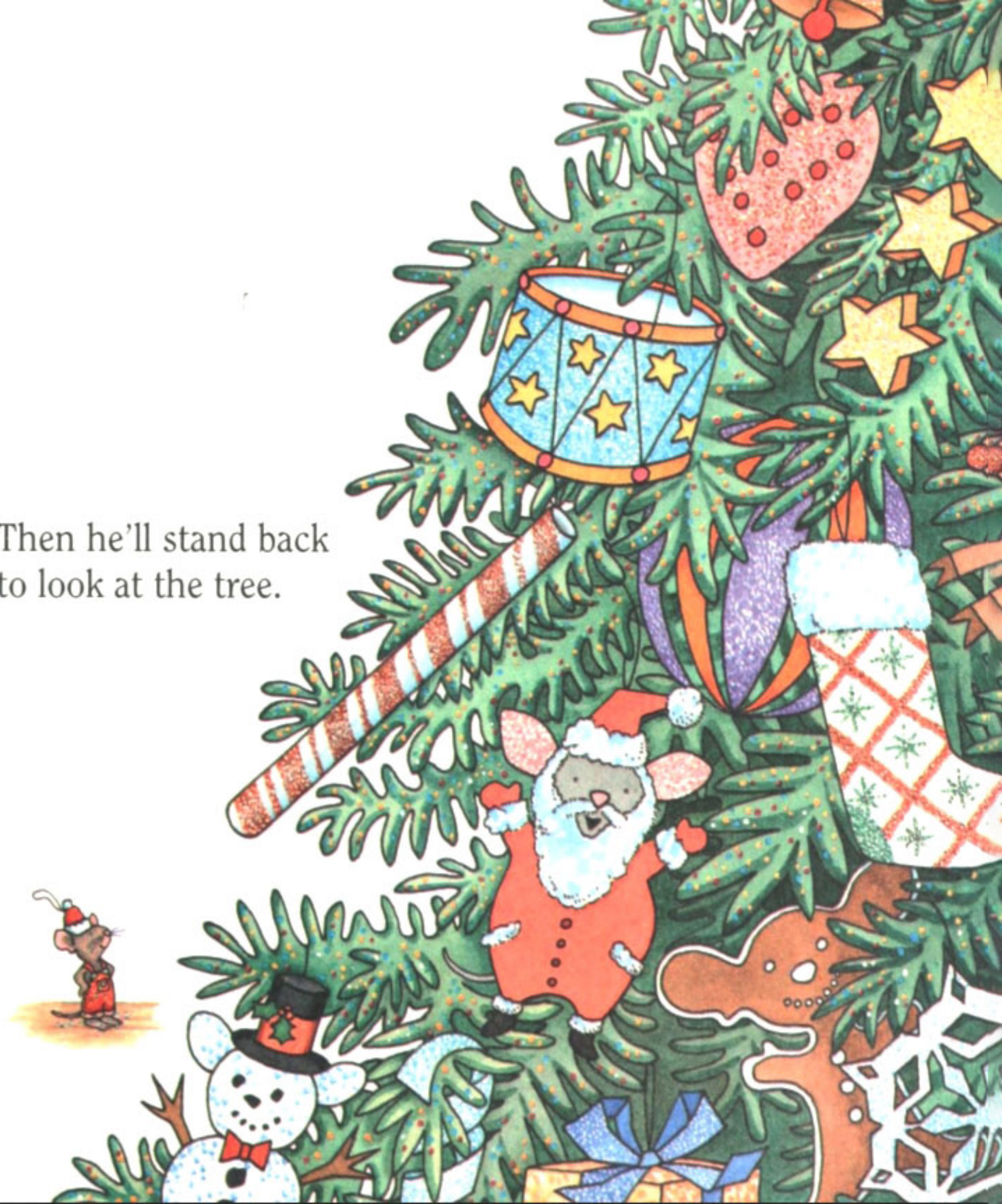
When the ornaments are done,



he'll hang them all up.



Then he'll stand back
to look at the tree.







So he'll want to make another one.



He'll ask you for some popcorn.

And chances are,
when you give him the popcorn,



he'll want you to take him to the movies.



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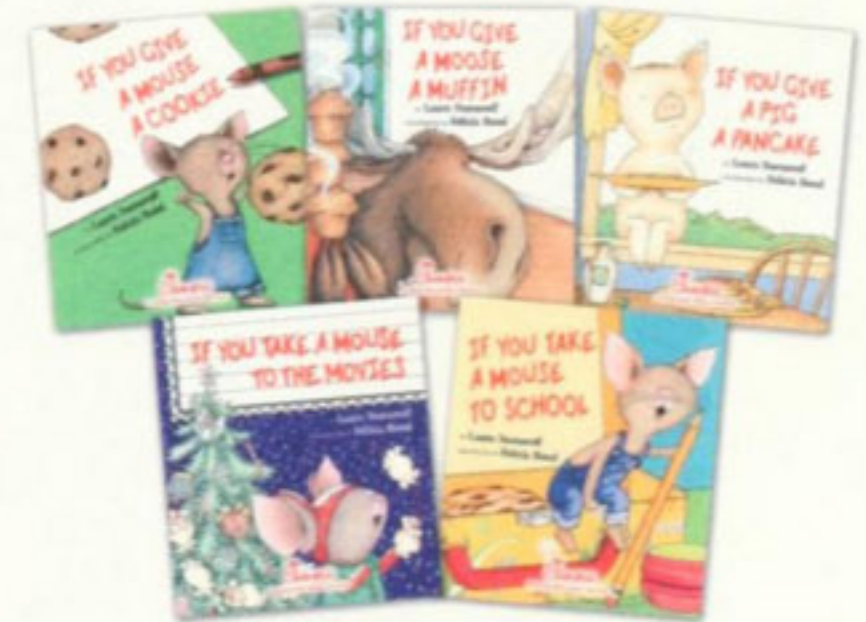
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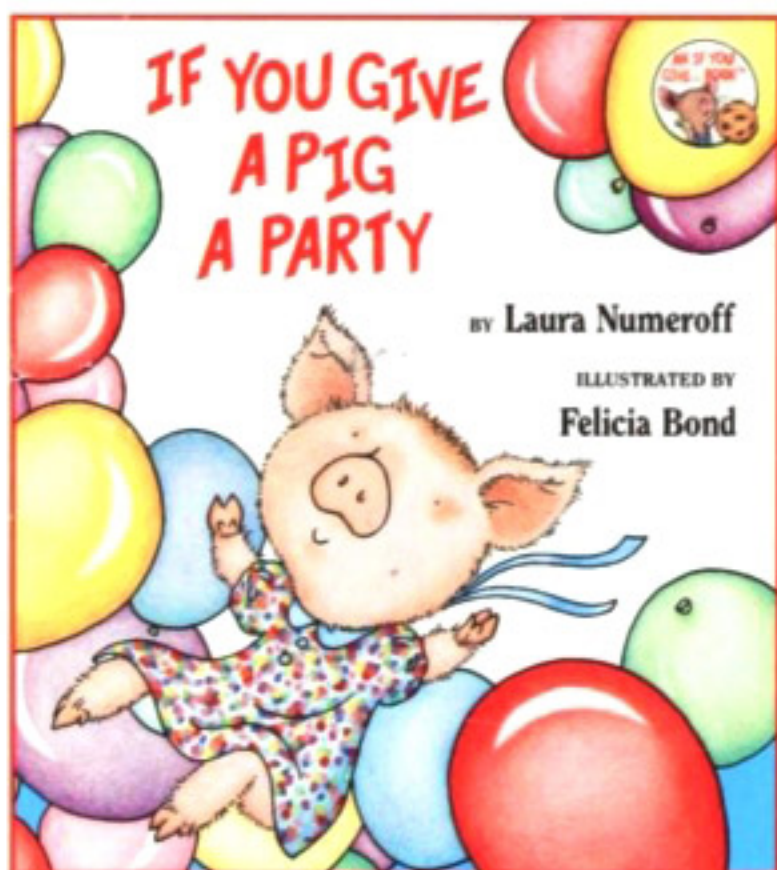
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