

Rumpelstiltskin

Colors



orange

purple



Dear Teachers and Parents,

Welcome to *Learning With Literature*, an exciting new concept in learning. This series teaches specific skills that promote children's readiness for reading, writing, and math. In addition, the stories introduce children to some of the greatest and most beloved works of world literature.

You know that children learn better when they enjoy what they are doing. We have chosen "Rumpelstiltskin," a story that children have loved through the ages, to provide an enjoyable context for learning and remembering colors.

The version of "Rumpelstiltskin" that you will find at the beginning of this book has been adapted specifically for reading aloud to children at the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten levels. We strongly recommend reading the story and discussing it with children before they begin work on the masters. You will want to encourage the children to identify and talk about the characters, objects, and events pictured on each master.

The masters in this book are arranged in story order. They can be used to illustrate the story or to help children retell the story. The pages can also be used out of order to concentrate on one or more specific colors. The Skills Index lists each page according to the color or colors it teaches, as well as according to skills.

A brief note at the bottom of each page gives suggestions for presenting the pages to children, who can then complete the activity independently. Each page also lists the primary skill the page teaches, as well as any additional skills.

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RUMPELSTILTSKIN

A miller once carried some grain to the king. When he saw the king's golden crown, the miller said something silly. He said, "My daughter can spin straw into gold."

The next day, the king took the miller's daughter to a room filled with straw. "Please spin this straw into gold," he said.

The miller's daughter did not know what to do. She sat on a stool and cried. Suddenly, a strange little man appeared. "Give me your necklace," he said, "and I will spin the straw into gold for you." He sat down at the spinning wheel and began to spin. By morning, the room was full of gold.

Then the king put the miller's daughter into a bigger room with even more straw. Again, the little man appeared. He asked the miller's daughter to give him her ring. Then he spun the straw into gold.

The next day, the king led the miller's daughter to a great huge room filled with straw. "Spin this straw into gold," he said, "and I will marry you."

The little man came again that night. He made the miller's daughter promise to give him her first child. Then he spun all the straw into gold.

Soon there was a great royal wedding. Now the miller's daughter was a queen. Time passed, and she forgot all about the little man. By and by, she had a beautiful baby son.

Then one day the little man came to the palace. "Give me the child," he said.

The queen cried and cried.

"All right," the little man said. "If you can guess my name, then you can keep the child."

The queen sent her messenger on his horse to search for names. She looked in books for other names. "Is your name Caspar, Melchior, or Balthazar?" she asked. "Is it Shortribs, or Sheepshanks, or Lacelegs?"

"No, no, no, no, no, no," the little man replied.

Then the messenger came back. He said that he had seen a funny little house on a hill. A little man was dancing around a fire and singing this song:

"I love to spin and play a game.

Rumpelstiltskin is my name."

When the little man came again, the queen asked, "Is your name . . . Rumpelstiltskin?"

The little man was very angry. He stamped his foot and ran away. Then the queen lived happily every after.

Learning About Blue

Name _____

blue



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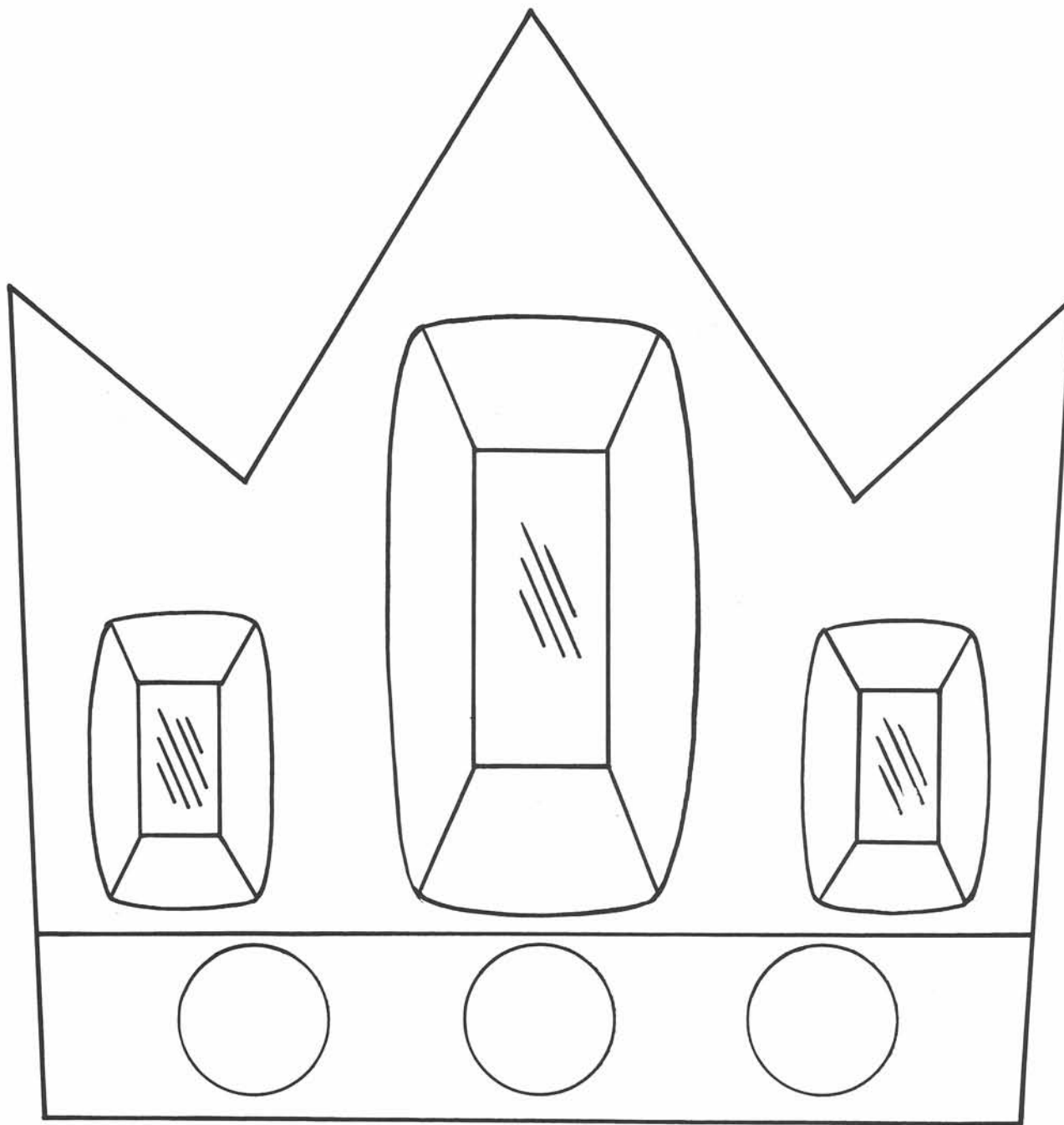
Have children hold up blue crayons, giving help as needed to be sure they select the right color. Then tell them to color the miller's sack blue.

Skills: LEARNING COLORS (blue)
Distinguishing One Color From Others (blue)

Learning About Red

Name _____

red



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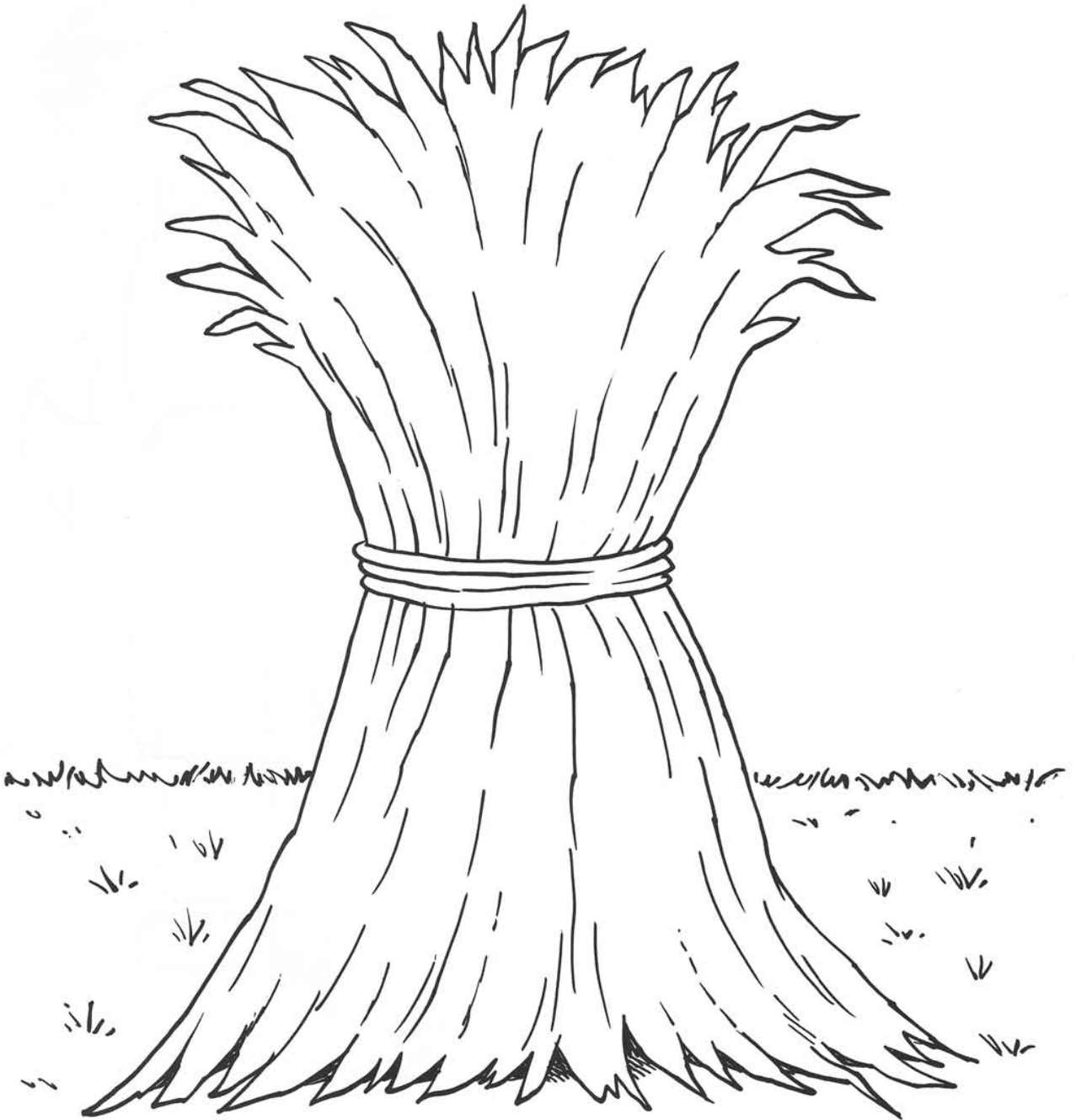
Have children hold up red crayons, giving help as needed to be sure they select the right color. Then tell them to color the jewels in the king's crown red.

Skills: LEARNING COLORS (red)
Distinguishing One Color From Others (red)

Learning About Yellow

Name _____

yellow



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Have children hold up yellow crayons, giving help as needed to be sure they select the right color. Then tell them to color the straw yellow.

Skills: LEARNING COLORS (yellow)
Distinguishing One Color From Others (yellow)