LET'S READ TOGETHER

In this story, a little bird is curious about why a lion’s tail changes color from day to day. During a storm, the lion rescues the little bird and takes her into his cave, where she sees beautiful paintings that the lion paints using his tail as a brush. As you read or listen to the story, pay attention to how the lion’s tail changes colors.

LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to The Lion and the Little Red Bird:

- **ambled**, walked very slowly in a relaxed way
- **disappear**, to go out of sight
- **magician**, someone who can do magic tricks
- **thorn**, a sharp point on a stem or branch of a plant
- **astonished**, feeling great surprise
- **wonder**, to be curious about something

LET'S PLAY

Go on a Color Scavenger Hunt

In the story, the lion turns his tail into a paintbrush and paints the walls of his cave in different colors. Name some of the colors from the story’s pictures, like the green forests, orange flowers, bright blue sky, and deep blue lake. Encourage your child to pick a color and say its name aloud. Then, invite your child to go on a hunt around your home and look for small items that match that color. They may want to collect items in a small basket or paper bag. Talk with your child about the items they found, taking time to name the items and describe their color and features. Play again with a different color.