LET'S READ TOGETHER

In this story, Chameleon is tired of constantly changing colors, because no one ever sees him. The other animals in the jungle are envious of him and would love to be a different color. Chameleon helps the other animals change their colors, but they soon realize life was easier with their old colors. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to why the animals change their minds about being different colors.

LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to Chameleon's Colors:

- **chase**, to follow and try to catch someone or something
- **complain**, to say that you do not like something
- **pattern**, a repeated design
- **surroundings**, the place that is around you
- **envious**, wanting what someone else has
- **regret**, to feel sad or sorry about something that you did or did not do

LET'S PLAY

**Play Hide and Seek**

In the story, the chameleon changes colors to match his surroundings. Explain that some animals are able to hide because their colors blend in with their surroundings. This is called camouflage. Play a game with camouflage by inviting your child to find a hiding place for a stuffed toy that matches the toy's color. For example, hide a stuffed polar bear near a white wall or a teddy bear near a brown sofa cushion. Take turns hiding and seeking toys. Talk about which toys were hardest to see, and which ones were easier to spot depending on the toy's color and the color of the background.