

Sound Effects (all ages)

Inside a House That is Haunted by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Designate sound effects (or assign instruments) for all the characters:



hand → knock on floor
spider → blrlrlrlrlrlrl (make hand drop to the floor)
ghost → yell “Boo!”
cat → high-pitched “mew”
bats → rub palms together to sound like wings
owl → high-pitched “Who-Who's there?”
mummy → low droning mmwamm, mmwamm
skeleton → make tongue clicks while rattling your bones
monster → hands make a stomping motion on legs

Singing Game

The Mitten illustrated by Jan Brett



Children will delight in singing this rendition of the story!

Supplies: 1 large mitten; printed illustrations of *The Mitten* animals available at www.janbrett.com/mitten_masks_main.html.

Distribute the animal pictures to the children. Instruct them to keep who there animal a secret. Place the mitten in an accessible location.

Sing (to the melody *A-hunting We Will Go*):

A mitten in the snow,	The rabbit squeezes in,
A mitten in the snow,	The rabbit squeezes in,
Help us please, so we don't freeze!	Help us please, so we don't freeze!
A mitten in the snow,	The rabbit squeezes in.

While singing about the rabbit, the child (or children) holding a rabbit picture, places that picture inside the mitten.

Repeat for each animal. The mole squeezes in . . . etc.

Recorded Music and Movement (all ages)

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The Snowy Day can be read to a recording of *Forgotten Dreams* by Leroy Anderson. This selection can be found on the Cd *Orchestral Favourites*

After reading the book, children can mime the story to the recorded music.

