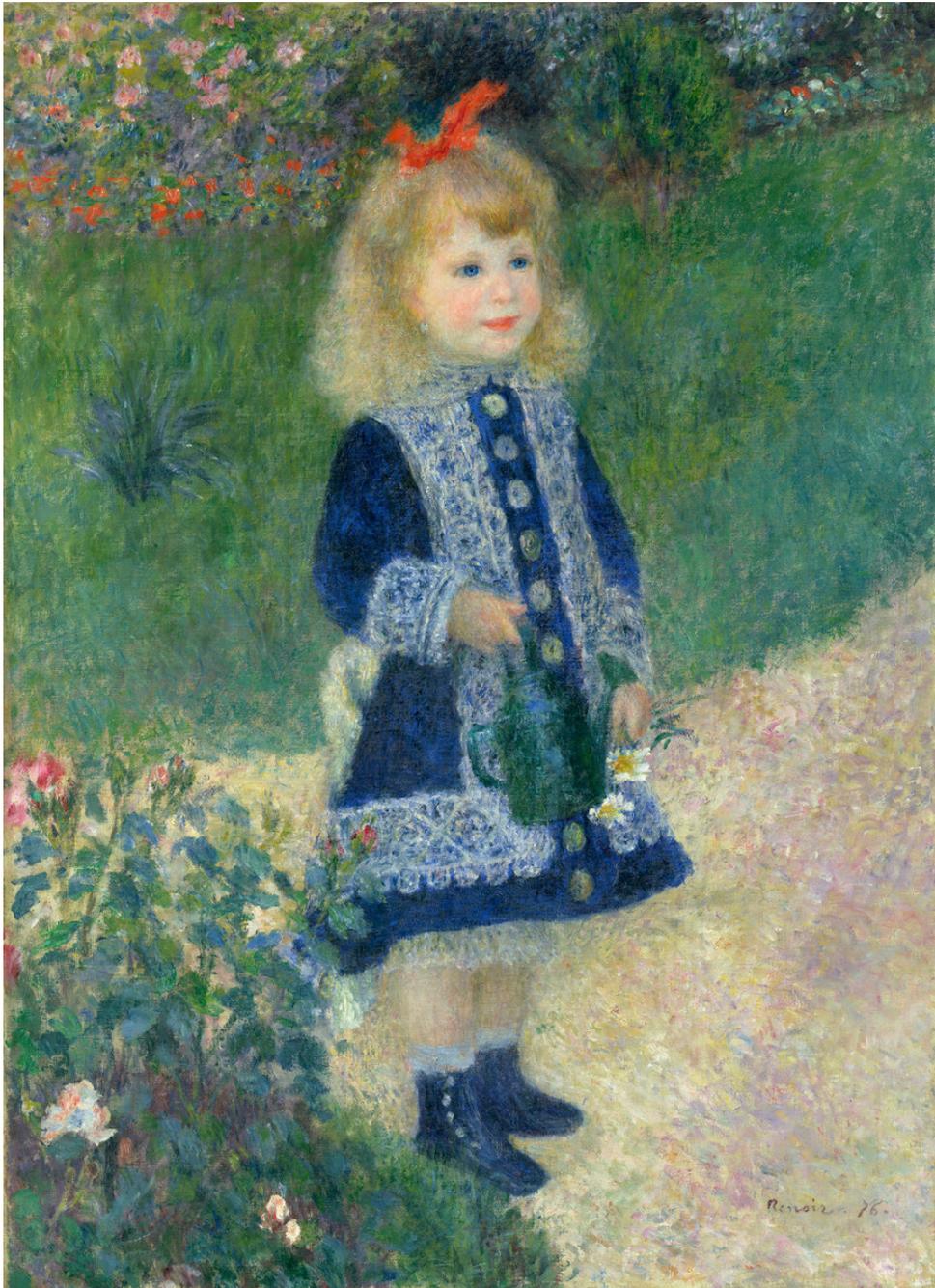


Discussion Questions for A Child's Book of Art by Lucy Micklethwait



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The Family PG. 6

1. How many people in this family? (six)
2. How many sisters? (four)
3. Does this family have a pet(s)? (Yes) What kind? (dog, and maybe horses)
4. What was the weather like on the day this was painted?

The Family PG. 7

1. Which picture shows two brothers?
2. Which picture shows sisters?
3. Which picture shows a sister and a brother?
4. Are all these people from the same family?
5. In the picture on the bottom of the page, what time of day is it? (early evening)
6. What is your favorite color in this painting.
7. How many steps can you see in "brothers"? (seven) Are there more hidden?

At Home PG. 8

1. Who do you think lives in this room? Why?
2. What time of day was this painting done? (daytime, light coming in window.)
3. If this was your bedroom, what would be your favorite place?
4. How many paintings are hanging on the walls? (five, plus one mirror.)
5. What is the floor made of?

At Home, PG. 9

1. How many siblings are pictured?
2. Why are there two women?
3. What are these people thinking? Are they happy or sad?
4. Would you like to eat their dinner?
5. What is happening in this picture?

In The Garden, PG. 10

1. Who does this little girl belong too?
2. What is she doing?
3. What is the main color in this painting?

In The Garden, PG. 11

1. What are all these people doing?
2. Where are they?
3. Who are they?
4. Count the Red Objects.

Pets, PG. 12-13

1. How many different pets do you see on these pages?
2. Which one would be your favorite?
3. What is the dog thinking about?
4. How does the little girl with the cat feel?

Animals on the Farm, PG. 14

1. What are the different types of animals raised on this farm?
2. Which of these people is taking care of animals?
3. Which of these people owns the farm? Why?
4. Are any of these animals pets? Why?
5. What are the Different buildings for?
6. If these sheep are thirsty, where will they get water?

Animals on the Farm, PG. 15

1. What is this little girl doing?
2. What are the pigs doing?
3. What is the weather like outside?
4. What time of day is it?
5. Which of these paintings (both pages) is your favorite? Why?

Wild Animals, PG. 16

1. Which of these animals is nice?
2. Which of these animals is mean?
3. Which painting is your favorite?
4. Why are all the animals piled on top of each other in this picture?
5. What does the person who painted this painting think about the animals?

Birds, PG. 18-19

1. Choose a painting. How would you describe this painting to someone who cannot see? (blind person)
2. Which bird is the strongest?
3. What are the birds doing in each picture?

4. Can you find a mountain in one of these pictures?

Fruit, PG. 20-21

1. What kinds of fruit do you see?
2. Which is your favorite fruit?
3. Which painting looks most real?
4. Can you find the fly on a piece of fruit?

Things to Do, PG. 22-23

1. What is each of these people doing?
2. Which person is having the most fun? Why?
3. Do you recognize any of these people?
4. Find the color red in each painting.

Action Words, PG. 24-25

(warning: PG. 25 has body parts showing...)

1. Which picture is most real to you? Why?
2. Which athlete is most likely to win the running race? The horse race?
3. What colors do you see in each picture?
4. Find a windmill.

Counting, PG. 26

1. How many buttons on the floutist's shirt?
2. How many angels?
3. What are the angels looking about?
4. What are they talking about?
5. How many girls?
6. What are the girls thinking?
7. What is each girl holding and why?

Counting, PG. 27

1. How many sisters?
2. What is each sister doing?
3. Who is the oldest?
4. What time of day is it?
5. How many children? How many dogs?
6. What are the dogs doing?
7. Which child is happiest?

Colors, PG. 28-29

1. What colors do you see in each painting?
2. Which person is having the most fun?
3. What is on the plate?
4. Can you find red flowers?
5. Can you find a mask?

More Colors, PG. 30-31

1. Which of these paintings is your favorite? Why?
2. What colors do you see in each painting?
3. How many trees are in these paintings?
4. How many chairs can you see through the windows?
5. How many windows are there?
6. What does the painting "lots of colors" mean to you?

Shapes, PG. 32-33

1. What shapes do you see in each painting?
2. What colors are the triangles?
3. What colors are the squares?
4. What color is used most often?
5. What shape is used most often?
6. Which painting has circles?
7. Where is the rainbow?
8. Which painting do you like the most?

Opposites, PG. 34-35

1. What are these animals thinking about?
2. How is this girl feeling? (two paintings)
3. What is each girl holding
4. Who is this little girl with?
5. Which painting is mostly black?
6. Which painting has lots of red?

More Opposites, PG. 36-37

1. What do you think these are?
2. What are they doing?
3. Why?

4. Who is in charge?
5. What are the colors in this painting?
6. How many boats are in this painting?
7. How many houses?
8. How many roofs?
9. How many flags?

The Seasons, PG. 38-39

1. What is the weather like in each painting?
2. What time of day is it in each painting?
3. What are the people doing in each painting?
4. Which people are having the most fun?
5. Which is your favorite?
6. Where are the pets?

The Weather, PG. 40-41

1. What is the weather like in each painting?
2. What time of day is it in each painting?
3. What are the people doing in each painting?
4. Which people are having the most fun?
5. Which is your favorite?
6. How many papers blow away?
7. How many umbrellas all together?
8. Find the church.

By The Sea, PG. 42-43

1. What are these girls doing?
2. Are they playing together?
3. Where are the parents?
4. What will happen next?
5. How many boats are in this picture?
6. What are people doing on this beach?
7. What is the building for?
8. Would you like to be playing on either of these beaches? Why or Why not?
9. What do you think these children are doing?
10. Find a reflection in the water.

Faces, PG. 44-45

1. Which face do you like best? Why?

2. Which person is most happy?
3. What do you think this person is thinking?
4. What are these people doing?
5. What is the main color in this painting?

The Five Senses, PG. 46-47

(warning: lots of naked bodies or exposed parts on these pages...)

1. Which room smells the worst?
2. What is shown in the stained glass window?
3. Who is holding a mirror?
4. How old is this girl?
5. How old is the child getting a diaper change?

Six Ways to Travel, PG. 48-49

1. Which person is having the most fun on their trip?
2. What is each of these people doing?
3. What kinds of animals are working?
4. What kind of farm is in the train picture?
5. How many cars are on the train?
6. How many bicycles?

Let's Go By Boat, PG. 50-51

1. What are the people in boats doing?
2. How many people are on each boat?
3. Which boat would you rather be on?
4. Which picture is the brightest?
5. What is the owl holding behind his tickets?
6. Find someone washing clothes.
7. Find a group of people standing in a circle and count them.

A Time to Work, PG. 52-53

1. What is the job of each person?
2. What color is used most in each painting?
3. How many trees are in the row? (first picture)
4. What is each set of children doing? And how many children are in each set?
5. What can you see on the teacher's desk?
6. Find the following things: a fire, a hat, a crown, a cow, a book, a bow, a calendar.

A Time To Play, PG. 54-55

1. What are these couples playing?
2. Is everyone in this picture doing the right thing?
3. What do you think the little boy is doing?
4. Why is the horse in the picture?
5. Where is he playing?
6. What game is this pair of people playing?
7. How many different types of trees are there?
8. Can you find the ball?
9. Who is this angel playing for?
10. Why?
11. How does the angel feel as he plays? Why?

A Time To Eat, PG. 56-57

1. What kinds of food are pictured?
2. Give all the people names?
3. Which table would you like to eat at? Why?
4. How many animals do you see?
5. How many servants can you count?
6. How can you tell the servants from the masters?
7. Find the following things: a vase of flowers, a cross, a horse, a dog, a roll, knitting, a knife, a king, and three different squares.

A Time to Sleep, PG. 58-59

1. Who will feel the most rested when they wake up?
2. What is each person/animal dreaming about?
3. What is sticking out of the man's mouth?
4. Who is most likely to wake up with a crick in his neck?
5. Which person has been working?
6. Which person has been in the rain?

A Time for Peace, PG. 60-61

1. Name the different types of animals?
2. Where are the people in this painting?
3. Find the following things: The Indian Chief, the river, the brown bear, two babies, a red flower, and a sword.