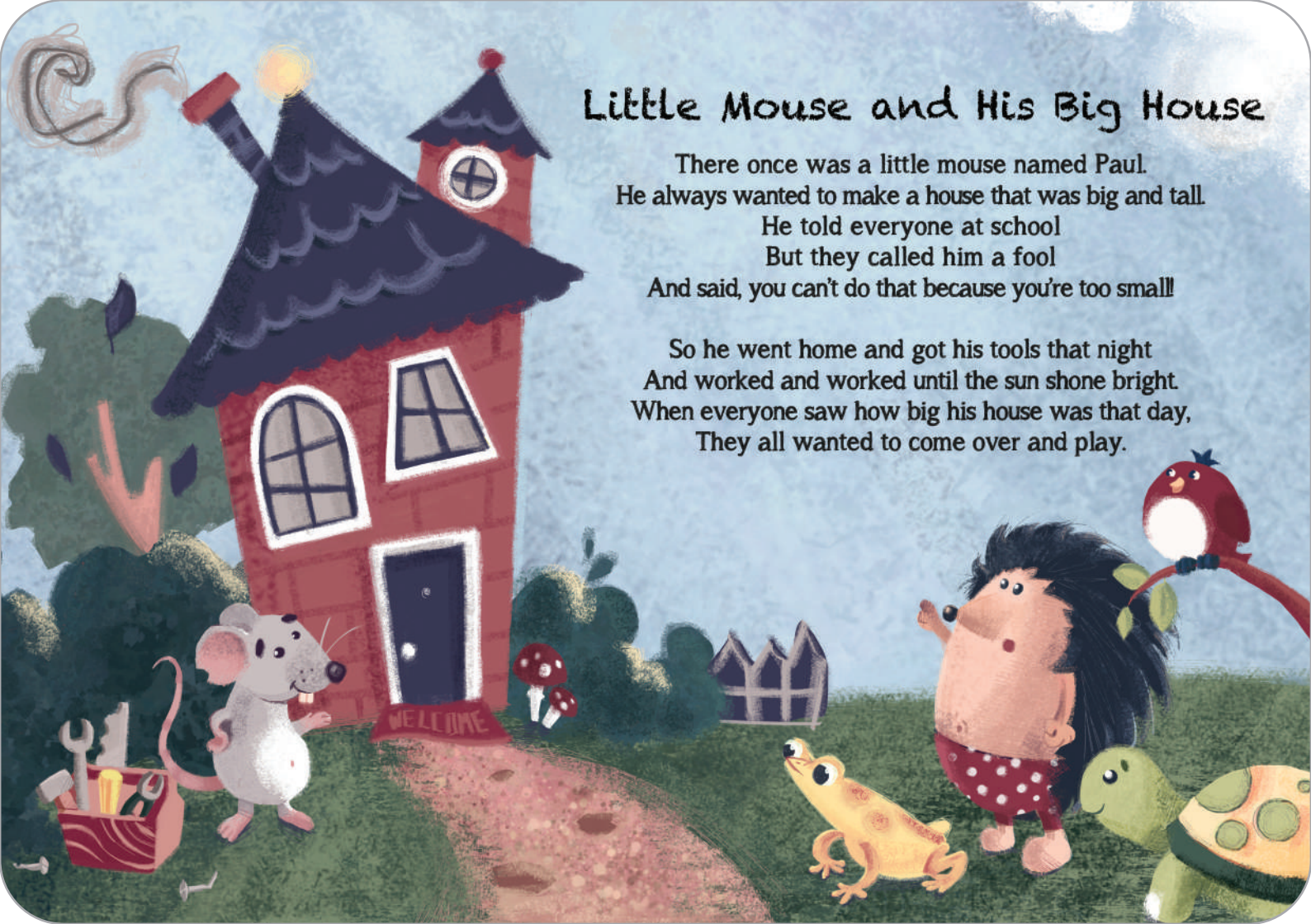


Little Mouse and His Big House

There once was a little mouse named Paul.
He always wanted to make a house that was big and tall.
He told everyone at school
But they called him a fool
And said, you can't do that because you're too small!

So he went home and got his tools that night
And worked and worked until the sun shone bright.
When everyone saw how big his house was that day,
They all wanted to come over and play.



FUN THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD

1. Place a stuffed toy mouse or a cut-out of a mouse in a shoe box before you introduce the rhyme. Ask your child to guess who lives inside the 'box' house.
2. Discuss questions like "I wonder if Paul was hurt by his friends' unkind remarks?", "Why do you think Paul did not let these remarks stop him from building his house?" and "I wonder if Paul will let his friends play in his new house?".
3. Make a house using materials you can find at home such as shoe boxes, old T-shirts, magazines and newspapers.



Tip

Talk about the importance of determination and believing in oneself.