



Title: Sylvie

Author: Jennifer Sattler

Age Range: 3-5

Topics/Themes: Birds, flamingos, food, colors, health, predictions, rhyming

Vocabulary: shrimp, paisley, striped, bouquet, scarlet

See this book read aloud here: [Sylvie](#)

## Enrichment Activities

### I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- a. Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- b. Title; front and back covers; spine

### II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- What do you see on the cover?
- Ask children to identify the animal on the cover. What do we know about flamingos?
- What do you think this book will be about?

### III. STORY TIME

#### a. Discussion Questions

- What color is Sylvie? Why do you think flamingos are pink?
- What did Sylvie learn from her experiments?
- Have you ever turned the color of what you are eating?

#### b. Other

- Have kids predict what color the different foods in the story will turn Sylvie into
- Action: Have kids stand on one leg like a flamingo.
- Count the flamingos in Sylvie's family out-loud together.
- After reading: Bring a bag of different foods: pull them out one by one and ask what color Sylvie would turn if she ate them. Then name different foods (such as grapes, apples, bananas, fruit loops, etc.) and think about what color that would turn Sylvie.
- Bring in pictures of real flamingos. Ask kids if they have ever seen a flamingo at the zoo?

#### c. Related Songs, Rhymes & Finger plays

##### **The Flamingo Dance** (hear t tune [here](#))

Take a big chance, learn a new dance,  
It's a test of your grace and your balance.  
Get off your seat and on your feet.  
Let your body feel this merengue beat.

Chorus:

The flamingo: stretch your neck high  
Then bring it back down low.  
Bob your head back and forth as you walk, oh.  
Stand on one leg, you are doing the flamingo.

Flap your left wing, flap your right wing.  
Flap together with both like you're flying.

Let's see you shake so much you make  
Your tail feathers move like a shaking quake.

#### IV. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

##### Water Colors ([source](#))

Kids love to play with water and this activity adds a little color to it! Take a few small cups and fill them with a little water. Then add a drop of food coloring or watercolor paint to each cup. Put the cups on a tray or pan, and then let your toddler pour the water into another bowl/cup to see how the colors mix together. You can also give her a spoon to drop some water in a different cup. Be sure to talk about all the different colors she sees and makes! Be sure to use light color cups so that your child can see the color of the water inside.



##### Supplies Needed

- cups
- water
- food coloring

##### Flamingo Craft ([source](#))

**What You Need:** Pink pipe cleaners; pink cardstock or construction paper; pink patterned paper (optional); heart shaped template or punch (or freehand or trace a heart); black marker; googly eye; glue.

**How to Make It:** Cut out two hearts that are the same size. Bend pipe cleaner as shown to make neck and legs (for a large flamingo, you may need two pipe cleaners; for a small one you'll want to cut one apart). Glue two hearts together, securing the pipe cleaners in the process. Cut two head shapes (an adult may want to make a template for the kids). Use black marker to make bill. Glue on googly eye(s). Glue head pieces together at the end of the neck. Bend pipe cleaners to position head and legs. Child can write name or Valentine message on one side of the flamingo.

