

Little Rabbit Lost

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Characters: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Little Rabbit, Papa, Mama Whole Rabbit family

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit woke up and knew it was a special day.

Little Rabbit: It's my birthday. I'm not such a little rabbit anymore!

Narrator 2: He hopped out of bed and found a wonderful pile of presents and an enormous red balloon.

Whole Rabbit family: Happy birthday, Little Rabbit! And one more surprise...

Narrator 1: The whole family watched as he opened his presents.

Little Rabbit: Tickets for Rabbit World. For all of us!

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit had wanted to go to Rabbit World for as long as he could remember. He was very excited.

Narrator 1: Mama packed a special birthday picnic, and soon everyone was ready to go.

Narrator 2: They set off for Rabbit World with Little Rabbit and his red balloon leading the way.

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit led them across the fields.

Papa: Don't go too far.

Little Rabbit: But it's my birthday, and I'm a big rabbit now.

Narrator 2: Then he ran ahead anyway.

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit suddenly stopped at the top of a hill, and everyone caught up with him.

Little Rabbit: Look! It's Rabbit World! It's huge.

Narrator 2: Off he ran again.

Narrator 1: When they were all inside Rabbit World, Little Rabbit couldn't decide what to do first. He wanted to go on everything at once.

Mama: Don't go too far. There are lots of rabbits here, and you might get lost. Stay close.

Little Rabbit: It's my birthday, and I'm a big rabbit now. I won't get lost.

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit quickly ran ahead, past the pirate ship and carrot speedboats. There was so much to see and do!

Little Rabbit: Mama, can you push me on the big swings? Can I go on the jungle gym?

Mama: I'm sorry, Little Rabbit, but you're too small. You can go on the whirly slide though.

Little Rabbit: That's for babies, Mama. It's my birthday; I'm a big rabbit now. I want to go on that!

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit was pointing to the Big Hopper.

Mama: I'm sorry, Little Rabbit, but you're much too small for that ride.

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit had to watch his brothers and sisters zoom past instead.

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit soon got bored watching.

Little Rabbit: It's not fair. It's my birthday, and I am a big rabbit. Why can't I go on the really fun rides like everyone else? Wow! I wonder if my new rocket will fly that fast? Hooray! A bouncy castle! Even I'm allowed to go on this.

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit clambered on and jumped and bounced and hopped until...

Little Rabbit: Oh, where's Mama? And Papa?

Narrator 1: He suddenly felt as small as he really was.

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit asked some bigger rabbits.

Little Rabbit: Have you seen my mama?

Narrator 1: However, nobody had seen Little Rabbit's mama. He asked some grown-up rabbits.

Little Rabbit: Has anyone seen my mama?

Narrator 2: Little Rabbit began to cry. He was all alone and didn't know what to do.

Narrator 1: Other rabbits gathered round, asking him lots of questions. And then, through all the voices he heard...

Mama: Little Rabbit! There you are! We've been so worried.

Narrator 2: It was Mama.

Little Rabbit: Thank goodness for your red balloon! I thought we'd never find you.

Narrator 1: Little Rabbit was so happy that he cried a bit more.

Little Rabbit: I'm sorry, Mama. I am still your Little Rabbit. I'll stay close now.

Narrator 2: His mama gave him a great big hug.

Mama: Come on, I think we've all had enough of Rabbit World for one day.

Narrator 1: The Rabbit family settled down to enjoy Little Rabbit's birthday picnic. Little Rabbit made sure he stayed very close to Mama.

Mama: Just one last surprise.

Whole Rabbit Family: Happy Birthday, Little Rabbit!