"The Tale of Peter Rabbit"

**Directions:** This delightful story has been pleasing children ever since it was first written. While it is interesting, imaginative, and cute, it carries a very serious message to children. Choose from one of the ideas below after reading.

Think about a time when you were told what was expected of you, but you did not follow the expectation. Sometimes it seems life is nothing but rules to keep you from having a good time. Peter certainly found that out in a very real and dangerous way. Tell your story of a time you did not behave correctly. What were the consequences? Did you learn a lesson? Do you still not follow rules sometimes? Why?

Make up a fairy tale with talking animals, fairies, or others. Describe something that was done even though there was a rule not to do it. Give your tale a happy or a sad ending to teach children why it is important to obey rules, listen to instructions, or follow directions. Illustrate your story and make a book to share with younger children.