



# IN THE NIGHT KITCHEN

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

From acclaimed author-artist Maurice Sendak comes a Caldecott Honor-winning tale of a fantastical dream world. This comic fantasy will delight readers of all ages with playful illustrations and an imaginative world only Sendak could create.

## STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **YOUR OWN NIGHT KITCHEN:** Mickey's *In the Night Kitchen* adventure is illustrated through comic-style panels that tell the story of his dreamlike journey. Create a page with multiple panels for each child to fill out with his or her own illustrations. Have children brainstorm their own fun dream and tell the story on the page.
- **I'M MICKEY THE PILOT!** To create his bread dough airplane, Mickey "kneaded and punched it and pounded and pulled." Have kids create their own dough planes, using crafting clay or dough.
- **MAGICAL MANHATTAN:** Maurice Sendak based the setting of *In the Night Kitchen* on the skyline of New York City but changed the buildings into pantry staples and kitchen utensils. Gather a collection of different objects and invite the group to create a city based on the materials they're given.
- **INSPIRATION INVESTIGATION:** Maurice Sendak was inspired by the art of Winsor McCay. Research some of McCay's work and compare it to the art of *In the Night Kitchen*. What similarities can you find? How did Sendak make the style his own?





# YOUR OWN NIGHT KITCHEN

Mickey's *In the Night Kitchen* adventure is illustrated through comic-style panels that tell the story of his dreamlike journey. Draw your own adventure in the boxes below.

A large white area divided into four empty rectangular panels for drawing, with a central circular illustration of Mickey Mouse. Mickey is shown in a red nightgown, looking thoughtful with his hand to his chin. A speech bubble next to him says "HO". In the background of the circle, there is a hanging lamp and a small airplane.



# WHERE THE BAKERS BAKE TILL THE DAWN

*In the Night Kitchen* ends with the phrase “And that’s why, thanks to Mickey, we have cake every morning.” Do you eat cake in the morning? What other types of food do you eat for breakfast? Create your ideal meal below!

## MY PERFECT BREAKFAST:

1. Cake!

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2. Milk

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