



Topic and Discussion Page

Pete the Sweet Mouse

The Mischievous Mouse Series



**A Behavioral Book on Stealing
(A Christmas Story with a Valuable Lesson on Bad Behaviors)**

This Christmas story is about mischievous behaviors. Pete the Sweet Mouse isn't so sweet. Pete gets put on the naughty list when Santa Claus catches Pete stealing cookies. He learns that good behavior gets rewarded and that there is a consequence for bad behavior.

Pete has a real sweet tooth and can't help himself. He steals and runs away so he doesn't get caught. He eats too many sweets and gets a belly ache. Pete try's to behave after he gets put on the naughty list. But then Pete goes over and beyond to be helpful so he gets rewarded with cookies. Pete is a manipulative mouse who needs to learn self control.

Book Topics

- Stealing
- Being Sneaky
- What is Naughty and What is Nice

Ideas for how to review this book with kids 3-6:

- What was the message of the story? Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Questions:
 - What is Pete's problem?
 - What happens to Pete when he eats too much?
 - What does Santa Claus do when he catches Pete stealing?
 - Do you think that Pete learned his lesson at the end of the story? Why or Why not?

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Pete The Sweet Mouse with other Sculptlings Books, such as Kent The Manipulative Mouse and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Both Characters have sneaky behaviors. Pete steals cookies and runs away to hide and Kent lies and blames his accidents on the cat.)