Read **Blue Chameleon** by Emily Gravett. This story is about a lonely chameleon who tries to change his color and shape to fit in with other animals.

Have children draw a picture of a friend. Write both names on the picture. The first letters children learn are in their own names.

Talk about the different ways Chameleon said hello. How do you say hello? What other ways can you greet a friend?

Sing a simple hello song. Singing slows down language and helps children hear the smaller sounds in words.

Play a game with the colors and patterns in the story. Point to a page in the book and have children find an object with that color or pattern in their environment.

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