



Bear Went Over the Mountain by Iza Trapani

Related Books:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr. /Eric Carle

The Three Bears by F. Rojankovsky

Polar Bear, Polar Bear by Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle

Sleep, Big Bear Sleep by Maureen Wright

Bear Has a Story to Tell by Phillip C. Stead

Jamberry! By Bruce Degan

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood Bear

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McClosky

We're Goin on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

My Daddy and Me by Tina MacNaughton

Kiss Good Night by Amy Hest

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson

Where's My Teddy? By Jez Alborough

A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker

Online Ideas

<http://www.janbrett.com/index.html>

http://www.janbrett.com/mitten_masks_main.htm

Read the book "The Mitten". You can go to Jan Brett's site and print the pictures of the animals from the book. You can laminate them and then retell the story using the pictures. Cut out a large mitten shape from a tablecloth or a piece of fabric. All of the characters go inside, (under) the mitten when the story is retold. At the end, when the bears sneezes everyone loudly says "ACHOO", and then you throw the mitten up into the air!

http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/preschool_themes/bears/bear_games.htm

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?default=1>

Rhymes

Making up Riddles (From Get Ready, Set, Grow!, by Eileen Morris and Stephanie Pereau Crilly)

I have no legs. I rhyme with lake.

Who am I? (a snake)

I am brown and fuzzy. I rhyme with care.

Who am I? (a bear)

I love to swing. I rhyme with spunky.
Who am I? (a monkey)

Fuzzy Wuzzy

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear.
Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. 
Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?
Was he bare?

Songs:

Bear Went Over the Mountain

The bear went over the mountain, (pretend hiking or climbing)
The bear went over the mountain, The bear went over the mountain,
To see what he could see (put hand above eyes)
To see what he could see, (put hand above eyes)
To see what he could see
The other side of the mountain, (make a "mountain" shape with your arms)
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see. (put hand above eyes)

I Met A Bear

The other day, (echo)
I met a bear, (echo)
Up in the woods, (echo)
A way up there! (echo)

The other day I met a bear,
Up in the woods a way up there!

He looked at me. (echo)
I looked at him. (echo)
He sized up me. (echo)
I sized up him. (echo)

He looked at me, I looked at him,
He sized up me, I sized up him.

He said to me, (echo)
"Why don't you run? (echo)
It could be (echo)
A lot of fun." (echo)*

He said to me, "Why don't you run?
It could be a lot of fun

And so I ran (echo)
Away from there (echo)

And right behind (echo)
Me was that bear (echo)

And so I ran away from there,
And right behind me was a that bear.

Ahead of me (echo)
I saw a tree (echo)
A great big tree (echo)
Oh, golly gee! (echo)

Ahead of me there was a tree,
A great big tree, oh, golly gee!

The lowest branch (echo)
Was ten feet up. (echo)
I had to jump (echo)
And trust my luck. (echo)

The lowest branch was ten feet up,
I had to jump and trust my luck.

And so I jumped (echo)
Into the air (echo)
But I missed that branch (echo)
On the way up there. (echo)

And so I jumped into the air,
But I missed that branch on the way up there.

Now don't you fret (echo)
And don't you frown. (echo)
I caught that branch (echo)
On the way back down. (echo)

Now don't you fret and don't you frown,
I caught that branch on the way back down.

That's all there is. (echo)
There ain't no more (echo)
Until I meet (echo)
That bear once more. (echo)

That's all there is, there ain't no more,
Until I meet that bear once more.

The end, the end (echo)
The end, the end (echo)
The end, the end (echo)

The end, the end! (echo)

The end, the end, the end, the end,
This time it really is the end!

If You're a Bear and You Know It (sing to If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you're a bear and you know it growl like this grrr, grr,
If you're a bear and you know it growl like this grrr, grr,
If you're a bear and you know it and you really want to show it,
If you're a bear and you know it growl like this grr, grr/

General Ideas

Obtain pictures of animals and have the children sort according to their habitat. Sort by number of legs they have. Do they fly, crawl, walk, hop?

Retell the story of "The Three Bears". You can use a large appliance box for a home, and then props for the items inside the bears' home.

Discuss what "hibernate" means? What other animals hibernate? Take a stuffed bear and put him away in a cupboard where he will "hibernate" for the winter. Take out in the Spring.

Talk about the different kinds of bears and where they live.

Discuss what bears eat.

Talk about stranger/danger-Goldilocks going into a stranger's house

Animal tracks. What do bear "tracks" look like? What do our foot prints look like? paint the bottom of the child's feet and have them walk across paper to make their own tracks. Label each child's foot prints. Guess which prints belong to which child.

Snacks Use teddy grahams for counting or one to one correspondence. Use gummy bears for the same. Also can use them to sort by colors