



Baby Bear Counts One by Ashley Wolff

Related Books:

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Big Bear's Big Boat by Eve Bunting

Old Bear and his Cub by Oliver Dunrea

Orange, Pear, Apple, Bear by Emily Gravett

I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Three Bears in a Boat by David Soman

Bear Has a Story to Tell by Philip C. Stead

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson

Songs and Fingerplays:

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

*Do each action with the children as you sing the song. It can be found on many CDs or, if you are looking for the tune, on Youtube.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Touch the ground.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Reach up high.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Touch the sky.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Touch your shoe.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

I love you!

A Little Brown Bear

A little brown bear, went in search of some honey (*look around*)
Isn't it funny, a bear wanting honey? (*shrug*)
He sniffed at the breeze (*sniff*)
And listened for bees (*hold your hand to your ear as if listening*)
And wouldn't you believe it (*shake index finger*)
He even climbed trees! (*pretend to climb*)

Hibernation Song

(sung to tune "Alouette")

Hibernation, time for hibernation
Hibernation, time to go to sleep.

In the winter where's the bear?
Sleeping in his log or lair.
Where's the bear? Log or lair. Ohhhh!

Hibernation, time for hibernation.
Hibernation, time to go to sleep.

In the winter where's the frog?
Sleeping by a pond or log.

In the winter where's the snake?
In the mud beneath the lake.

In the winter where's the bat?
In the cave is where it's at.

The Bear Went Over the Mountain

(sung to tune "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow")

The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
To see what he could see.

And all that he could see,
And all that he could see,
Was the other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see.

The bear went over the river, 3×
To see what he could see.
And all that he could see, 2×
Was the other side of the river,
The other side of the river, 2×

Was all that he could see.

Activities:

Bear Hunt Game:

After reading the book or singing the song, hide a teddy bear somewhere in the area. Take the group on a walk, whether it's through an activity room or a larger space until you find the bear. Be sure to make obstacles, whether it's blue paper for a river or a small stool for a tree to climb over.

Sniffin' out the Scent:

Bears have to use their very good noses for many things! Find various small, lidded containers that can have holes poked in the lids. Place scented objects (orange peels, chocolate, dirt, vinegar, etc) in the containers and pass them around, letting the children guess the smell. With smaller children, have a list of the objects and, as you pass each container, let them vote on what is in each one.

Coffee Scented Bears:

Brush glue onto a bear template and then pour coffee grounds onto it (be sure to do this over a container) and then shake off the extra. Then you have a deliciously scented bear! Here is an example of a possible template: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/teddy-bear-template>.

Teddy Bear Footprint:

Make a child's footprint into an adorable teddy bear! Brush paint onto the sole of the child's foot and have them stamp it onto a piece of construction paper. Use paint on an index finger to form the ears and draw on a face later. Here is an example: <http://funhandprintartblog.com/2010/04/handprint-bear-and-footprint-teddybear.html>.

Make a Cave:

<http://www.raisingcajuns.com/2010/09/prehistory-activity-make.cave.html>