



Bear Came Along
by Richard T. Morris

Recommended books:

Please, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony
Who Wet My Pants? by Bob Shea
Red Sled by Lita Judge
Unstoppable! by Adam Rex
Frog and Friends by Eve Bunting
Pigs Make Me Sneeze by Mo Willems
Where is Bear? by Jonathan Bentley
A Splendid Friend, Indeed by Suzanne Bloom
Duck! by Meg McKinlay
Cyril and Pat by Emily Gravett
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Fingerplays and Action Rhymes:

A Little Brown Bear

A little brown bear, went in search of some honey (*shade eyes with hand*)
Isn't it funny, a bear wanting honey? (*shrug shoulders*)
He sniffed at the breeze (*lift head and pretend to sniff*)
And listened for bees (*hold hand to ear*)
And wouldn't you believe it (*shake index finger*)
He even climbed trees! (*pretend to climb*)

Two Little Black Bears (Can use bear puppets or just hold up your pointer fingers)

Two little black bears sitting on a hill. (hold hands behind your back)

One named Jack (bring one hand around, pointer finger up)

And one named Jill. (bring other hand around, pointer finger up)

Run away Jack (swing first hand back behind back)

Run away Jill. (swing second hand back behind back)

Come back Jack (bring first hand to the front again)

Come back Jill. (bring second hand to the front again)

Two little black bears digging in the snow

One named Fast and one named Slow... (bring hands around in the same way but move one hand really fast and one deliberately slowly.)

Two little black bears feeling very proud

One named Quiet and one named Loud.. (make your voice quiet and loud while you bring your hands back and front.)

Grizzly Bears (to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Grizzly bears are big and brown,

Big and brown, big and brown,

Grizzly bears are big and brown,

And live out in the woods.

Polar bears are soft and white,

Soft and white, soft and white,

Polar bears are soft and white,

And live out where it's cold.

Teddy bears are just my size,

Just my size, just my size,

Teddy bears are just my size,

To cuddle with at night.

Songs:

"I'm Going on a Bear Hunt" by Greg & Steve

"Going on a Bear Hunt" by Dr. Jean

"Bear Went Over the Mountain" by Kimbo

Extension Activity

Oral Story: Grandfather Bear is Hungry

Watch Jbrary's YouTube video to see this oral story performed. They used a chipmunk puppet, a bear puppet, and a paper log to help bring the characters alive.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4ppvQoqLqQ&feature=youtu.be>

Craft Activity: Fork-Painted Bears

Supplies: Construction paper or paper plates; paint; plastic forks; glue; scissors; mix of materials to add details: googly eyes, pipe cleaners, puff balls, etc.

Let kids stick their fork tines in paint and use the design to create a fuzzy bear. Add eyes, nose, etc. using extra pieces of paper and other craft mediums. Encourage kids to explore painting with things other than a brush!

