

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS

Activity Sheet



"Count on Fish"

by Rebecca Tree

How many fish do you see? "Count on Fish" is a fun and colorful way to help children learn to count and start making connections between numbers and groups of items. This book encourages early reading by using simple, repetitive sentences.

Before you read this book:

Look at the cover. Ask the child what they see. Then, read the title of the book and count the fish. As you count, point to each one of the fish. When you have counted all five, say "This is a group of five fish." Ask, "Do these fish look the same or are they different?" Discuss what is the same and what is different about the group of fish.

While you read this book:

As you read this book, ask the child to count the fish by pointing to each one as they count. Then, ask, "What color are the fish?" "Does this group of fish have any patterns?" Ask them to describe what they see. Ask them why they think the fish are grouped together on the page (because they are the same color, have the same pattern, etc.).

After you read this book:

Ask the child to tell you how they count or use numbers every day. What kind of items do they count? Tell them how you use numbers and counting during your day. Practice counting with the child using your fingers or other items around you.

Try this at home:

- Look for items around your house that you can group together like blocks, crayons, cups, or other familiar items. Practice counting and grouping items together by color, shape, or in other ways they are similar.
- When you are at the store, in the car, or at the park, look for counting opportunities. For example, when you are at the park you can say, "How many swings do you see?" or at the store you might point to a price tag and say, "What numbers do you see?"
- Sing a counting song like "Five Little Ducks" or "One, Two, Buckle my Shoe." If you do not know one, ask the child if they know any counting songs and ask them to teach you.

Additional Resources

"One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss

"Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3" by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle