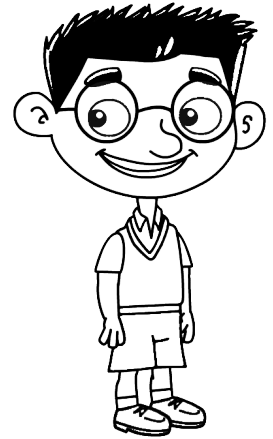


Ten Little Fingers - FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE HOME



Counting Items

Collect items like keys, popsicle sticks, pencils, etc. Put each type of item in a separate zip lock bag. To start just place 5 items in the bag. As your child learns to count to higher numbers add more of the same type of items to the collection bag. Have your child count the items one at a time. Encourage your child to touch each item as she counts them. For younger children (6 months and older) give them Cheerios while sitting in a high chair. As they play with them model how to count to three touching one Cheerio at a time.



Exploring Fingers

With practice your child will learn to count using his fingers. Help your child understand how versatile fingers can be. Explore the many uses of fingers and what fingers can do (e.g., pinch, tap, paint, interlock, bend, poke a hole, tickle, wiggle, wear rings).



Counting Hunt

Play a counting game with your child. Select something to count. For example, you can say, "Let's walk around the house and count how many doors we can find." Have fun counting!



Kitchen Inventory

Take out unbreakable kitchen items; sort and count them in sets of 5 or 10. Say: "Let's count the bowls 1-2-3-4-5. We have 5 bowls."





Storybook Counting

Browse through any storybook or magazine. Select a page. With your child count what you see on the page. Say: "Look, I see some trees on this page. Let's count how many trees we see." Point and count.

RESOURCES

Books to read aloud:

- Anno's Counting Book by Mitsumasa Anno
- Chicka Chicka 123 by Bill Martin Jr.
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
- My Little Counting Book by Roger Priddy
- Olivia Counts by Ian Falconer
- Over in the Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats
- Piggies by Audrey Wood
- The Spots on the Jaguar/*Las manchas en el jaguar* by Tom Luna
- Strange Visitors/*Una extraña visita* by Alma Flor Ada
- The Cherrios Play Book By Lee Wade

Counting Websites

Meddybemps <http://www.meddybemps.com/animalcount/index.html>

The Counting Story <http://www.magickeys.com/books/count/index.html>

Numbers Song http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sHOH_zsRI4&feature=channel

10 Little Numbers www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk9Yt1PqQiw&feature=channel