

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #26 VERY BEARRY BEARS

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	The Bear Under The Stairs	HELEN COOPER
BOOK	The Bear Who Came To Stay	ALLEN WOODMAN
BOOK	Bears: A First Discovery Book	GALLIMARD JEUNESSE
BOOK	The Berenstain Bears And The Bully	STAN and JAN BERENSTAIN
BOOK	Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear	NANCY WHITE CARLSTROM
BOOK	The Biggest Bear	LYND WARD
BOOK	The Box	KEVIN O'MALLEY
BOOK	Bread And Honey	FRANK ASCH
BOOK	Buddy Bear And The Bad Guys	MARGERY CUYLER
BOOK	Every Autumn Comes The Bear	JIM ARNOSKY
BOOK	Franklin Is Bossy	PAULETTE BOURGEOIS
BOOK	Honey Bee And The Robber	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	How Teddy Bears Are Made	ANN MORRIS
BOOK	Let's Go Home, Little Bear	MARTIN WADDELL
BOOK	Lost!	DAVID McPHAIL
BOOK	P.B. Bear's Birthday Party	LEE DAVIS
BOOK	Somebody And The Three Blairs	MARILYN TOLHURST
BOOK	The Tale Of Gus The Grumbly Grizzly	TERRI WILTSHIRE
BOOK	Two Bear Cubs	ANN JONAS
BOOK	Where's My Teddy?	JEZ ALBOROUGH
BOARD BOOK	Jesse Bear's Tum-Tum Tickle	NANCY WHITE CARLSTROM
BIG BOOK	Fix-it	DAVID McPHAIL
RESOURCE BOOK	1-2-3 Books	JEAN WARREN
BOOK & TAPE	Cully Cully And The Bear	WILSON GAGE
CASSETTE	Star Dreamer	PRISCILLA HERDMAN
VHS	Black Bears Moving To Adulthood	
PUPPET	Brown Bear Puppet	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Encourage children to bring teddy bears and introduce their favorite stuffed toys. Then invite children and teddy bears to enjoy your storytime. Listen to "Waltzing with Bears" on Priscilla Herdman's recording *Star Dreamer*.

Make a "Teddy Bear Picnic" bulletin board for your classroom. Have children cut pictures of food from magazines and paste the pictures on paper plates. Use a red and white checkered tablecloth for a bulletin board background. You can make get the same effect by using red and white construction paper. Place a picnic basket shape in the center. Cut a bear shape for each child in your group. (You can use the pattern provided with the bear felt pieces). Invite children to color their bears. Set each bear on the table cloth with it's paper plate of "food."

Play "The Bear in His Cave". Show a group of children a selection of objects on the floor. Have them turn their backs and recite the following fingerplay. While the others are reciting have another child pretend to be a bear and creep in to carry away one object. The first child to identify the missing object becomes the bear.

The bear went over the mountain
(Extend forearm, close and drop fist)
The bear went over the mountain
(Slowly creep fingers of other hand over 1st hand to wrist)

The bear went over the mountain
To see what he could see.
And what do you think he saw?
And what do you think he saw?
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Is all that he did see!
So the bear went down the mountain,
(Creep fingers down slopping arm)
So the bear went down the mountain,
So the bear went down the mountain,
Very happily.

Honey Bear

A little brown bear went in search of some honey.
Isn't it funny - a bear wanting honey?
He sniffed at the breeze,
(Sniff air with nose)

And he listed for bees,
(Cup hand to ear and listen)
And would you believe,
He even climbed trees.
(Fingers of one hand climb opposite arm)

Ten Little Teddy Bears

Sung to the tune of "Ten Little Indians"
One little, two little, three little Teddy Bears,
Four little, five little, six little Teddy Bears,
Seven little, eight little, nine little Teddy Bears,
Ten little Teddy Bears.

This Little Bear

This little bear has a fur suit
(Thumb)
This little bear acts very cute
(Pointer finger)
This little bear is bold and cross,
(Middle finger)
This little bear likes bacon and honey;
(Little finger)
But he can't buy them, he has no money!

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *Humphrey's Bear* by Jan Wahl. Humphrey feels his father might take his toy bear away from him and dreams of going to sea with his bear.
- *Beady Bear* by Don Freeman. Beady is a fuzzy bear who belongs to a boy name Thayer. One day Thayer goes away and Beady is lost without him.
- *Where Is The Bear At School* by Bonnie Larkin Nims. In this rhyming puzzle book children look for and find a bear in each bustling school scene.