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Welcome to the *Adventure* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

OBSTACLE COURSES *

After reading Rosie's Walk or Going On a Bear Hunt, set up an obstacle course for the children to go on an adventure walk of their own.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE*

Put different objects in a bag, such as plastic animals, toy people, dinosaurs, a crayon, a small flashlight, etc. Draw an object out of the bag and use it to start a story. As each child takes a turn taking an object out of the bag you or the child add to the story that has been started. Continue until everyone has had a turn.



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MR. GUMPY'S OUTING

Have your own outing, just like Mr. Gumpy. Use masking tape or chalk to outline a boat on the floor/ground. With the animal masks in this kit, tell the story again. There are two children in the story as well as the rabbit, goat, dog, cat, calf, pig, sheep and chicken. There are no masks for Mr. Gumpy or the children, but they can wear hats or scarves. One by one each character gets "in" the boat, until all fall out at the end! Change parts and play it again!

EARTHWAYS: SIMPLE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The adult resource in this kit is organized by season, but the activities don't have to be limited to a particular season. The "adventures" are simple explorations of the familiar and not-so familiar. Make round wind wands (p. 120) or streamers on a stick (p. 121). Blow bubbles, make pinwheels, care for birds and squirrels in your yard; build a play house. Set up a small seasonal "garden" as an interest center. There are ideas for simple gifts too, such as gift cards, candle decorating, nature necklaces and dish gardens.

HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON

Read through Harold and the Purple Crayon to get familiar with the story. Now instead of showing the illustrations to the children as you read it, draw your own; use a large art pad and purple marker or crayon and as you read the story, draw it out. It is a magical story! You could go back and let the children make suggestions about how the story could change, and draw that too.

MISS MARY MACK

Traditional

This can be played a number of ways: as a jumprope rhyme, with hand clapping, or as a circle game.

To clap hands, alternate slapping thighs and clapping hands. If you sit in a circle, you can try alternately clapping your own hands and then clapping with the person on either side of you!

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack.
All dressed in black, black, black.
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons
Up and down her back, back, back.
She asked her mother, mother, mother
For fifty cents, cents, cents
To see the elephants, elephants,
elephants
Jump off the fence, fence, fence.
They jumped so high, high, high
They touched the sky, sky, sky
And they never came back, back, back

As a circle game, go one direction for the first four lines, change directions for the next four lines, then stay in place and "Jump so high, high high". Stretch and touch the "sky, sky, sky". Turn your back, back, back; then face center of circle, join hands on Fourth of July, July, July; and start over again.

'til the fourth of July, July, July.

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Traditional

We're going on a bear hunt.
We're not scared.
Oh look! I see a field!
Can't go around it, Can't go
under it.

Let's go through it! Swish, swish!

Repeat with:

Tree – Let's go up it! Swamp! – Let's go through it! Squish, squash

River! – Let's go through it! Splash, splash!

Cave! – Let's go in it! Shh, shh!

Oh what's that? It's big and furry! It's a BEAR!!! Let's go! Reverse all the actions:
Back through the cave! Through the river!
Through the swamp!

Up the tree! Into the house – shut the door! WHEW, WE MADE IT! Pat hands on thighs, like foot steps. Look proud!

Hand shielding eyes, point forward.

Rub hands together, swish, swish

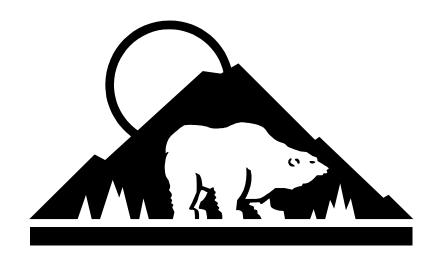
Climb tree, hand over hand. Cup hands, 'walk' through mud

Pretend to swim

Pretend to tiptoe

Repeat all the actions in reverse order: tiptoeing, swimming, squishing through mud, climbing tree, swishing through field – fast!

Slam door Wipe brow



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