

# Bunches Of Bears

Rhymes  
&  
Resources

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## Teddy Pokey

(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)

Tune: "Hokey Pokey"

You put your teddy paw in, you put your teddy paw out.

You put your teddy paw in, and you shake it all about.

You do the Teddy Pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

You put your teddy nose in, you put your teddy nose out.

You put your teddy nose in, and snuffle it all about.

You do the Teddy Pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.

You put your teddy tum in, you put your teddy tum out.

You put your teddy tum in, and shake it all about.

You do the Teddy Pokey and you turn yourself around.


That's what it's all about.

You put your teddy self in, you put your teddy self out.

You put your teddy self in, and you shake it all about.

You do the Teddy Pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about.



## Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

(Traditional)

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around *[turn]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear touch the ground.

*[bend down and touch the floor]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high.

*[reach with both hands to the sky]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, wink one eye. *[wink]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, show your shoe, *[lift up one foot]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear that will do.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, slap your knees.

*[touch hands to knees]*

Teddy bear, teddy bear, sit down please. *[sit down]*

## Big Bear, Little Bear

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Winter*)

Tune: "London Bridges"

Here comes Big Bear, stomp, stomp stomp.

Stomp, stomp, stomp,

Stomp, stomp, stomp.

Here comes Big Bear, stomp, stomp, stomp

Stomp, Stomp, Big Bear.

Here comes Little Bear, tip, tap, tip.

Tip, tap, tip,

Tip, tap, tip.

Here comes Little Bear, tip, tap, tip

Tip, tap, Little Bear.



## All Kinds of Bears

(Sue Eilers & Mary Marshall)

Tune: "Mary Had A Little Lamb"

Grizzly bears are big and brown,

Big and brown, big and brown.

Grizzly bears are big and brown.

They live in the woods.

Polar bears are soft and white,

Soft and white, soft and white.

Polar bears are soft and white.

They live where it's cold.

Panda bears are black and white

Black and white, black and white.

Panda bears are black and white.

They eat bamboo in China.

Black bears like blueberries,

blueberries, blueberries.

Black bears like blueberries

That they find in the woods.

Teddy bears are just my size,

Just my size, just my size.

Teddy bears are just my size,

To cuddle with at night.

*Can be done with fingers, finger puppets,  
or a flannel board.*



## Five Bears

(Kidstuff 2:8)

One little bear, playing peek-a-boo,  
Along came another. Then there were two.  
Two little bears, climbing up a tree,  
Up climbed another. Then there were three.  
Three little bears, fishing from the shore,  
Along came another. Then there were four.  
Four little bears said, "Let's find a beehive."  
Along came another. Then there were five.  
Five little bears eating honey in the sun.  
Along came the bees, then there were none.

*Rhyme may be used with a flannel board, bear finger puppets, or just fingers.*



## The Bear Game

(Alphabet Soup)

Little Bear, Little Bear,  
Where have you been?  
I've been to play with another bear friend.

Where did you go to?  
And what did you do?  
We played a bear game two by two.

Take one step forward,  
Take two steps back,  
Turn all around, jump front, jump back.

This little bear game,  
Is not hard to do,  
Just grab a partner and you do it too!



## Two Little Bear Cubs

(Kidstuff 2:8)

Tune: "Five Little Ducks"

Two little bear cubs went out to play. *[hold up two fists]*  
Over the hill and far away. *[move arm in sweeping gesture for hill]*  
They tumbled and rolled in the grass so sweet. *[roll fists]*  
Then sniffed around for some grubs to eat. *[sniff]*  
They went back home and curled up in a heap, *[put two fists together]*  
Then closed their eyes and went to sleep. *[hands to side of head, close eyes]*

# Let's Be Bears!

(Charner/ *The Giant Encyclopedia of Circle Time*)

The little bears are sleeping, sleeping, sleeping.

*[sit on floor & put head on hands]*

The little bears are sleeping in their caves.

The little bears all open their eyes, open their eyes, open their eyes.

*[open and shut eyes]*

The little bears all open their eyes and look around.

The little bears all sit up, sit up, sit up.

*[sit up straight and stretch arms]*

The little bears all sit up and stretch out their arms.

The little bears all stand up, stand up, stand up.

*[stand up]*

The little bears all stand up and peek out of their cave.

The little bears all creep out, creep out, creep out.

*[tiptoe, slowly, looking around]*

The little bears all creep out and look for something to eat.

The little bears all pick up berries, pick up berries, pick up berries.

*[reach to ground as if picking berries]*

The little bears all pick up berries and put them in their mouths.



## Five Bear Cubs

(Patti's Preschool Resources)

Five bear cubs were peeking from their cave.

The first one said, "Let's be brave."

The second one said, "Let's see what's outside."

The third one said, "I'd rather stay in and hide."

The fourth one said, "Mother will be mad."

The fifth one said, "Now, she'll be proud and glad."

Then "Grrrrr," went mother bear, seeing her cubs outside

And the five bear cubs scrambled back inside.

*Can be done with fingers, finger puppets,  
or a flannel board.*



# Going on a Bear Hunt

(Traditional)

*Each line should be repeated by the children.*

I'm going on a bear hunt

I'm not afraid!

What's that up ahead?

It's a great big tree

Can't go under it?

Can't go through it?

We have to climb over it!

*[make motions with arms like climbing]*

Whoo! That was hard work.

*[wipe forehead]*

I'm going on a bear hunt.

I'm not afraid.

What's that up ahead?

It's a field of tall grass!

Can't go over it?

Can't go under it?

We have to walk through it!

*[rub palms together]*

Whoo! that was hard work.

I'm going on a bear hunt.

I'm not afraid.

What's that up ahead?

It's mud!

Can't go over it?

Can't go under it?

We have to squish through it!

*[step high, make squishy sounds]*

Whoo! that was hard work.

I'm going on a bear hunt.

I'm not afraid.

What's that up ahead?

It's a river!

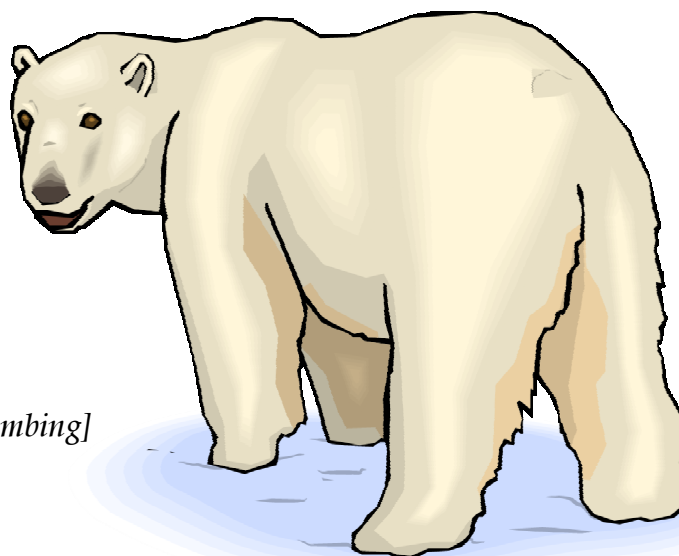
Can't go over it?

Can't go under it?

We have to swim through it!

*[motion with arms like your swimming]*

Whoo! that was hard work.



I'm going on a bear hunt.

I'm not afraid.

What's that up ahead?

It's a deep dark cave!

Can't go over it?

Can't go under it?

What's that up ahead?

It's a deep dark cave!

Can't go over it?

Can't go under it?

I think we are going to have to go in it.

Shh! *[tip toe]*

I feel something furry!!

It has a big nose!!

Turn on your flashlight.

IT IS A BEAR!!!!

*[Repeat actions:*

*Run out of the cave,*

*Swim back through the river,*

*Ooh! The mud,*

*Run through the grass,*

*Climb back over the tree,*

*Go into the house,*

*Slam the door. BAM!!]*

I wasn't afraid. Were you?

# Bear in a Cave

(Cooper/ Too Many Rabbits)

Here is a cave, inside is a bear *[hold up fist, thumb inside]*

Now he comes out to get some fresh air. *[keep fist, pop thumb out]*

He stays out all summer in sunshine and heat.

He hunts in the forest for berries to eat.

*[spread fingers of one hand to create "forest," move "bear" through it]*

When snow starts to fall *[use "forest" hand to sprinkle on "bear"]*

He hurries inside.

His warm little cave and there he will hide. *[put thumb back in fist]*

When spring comes again, the snow melts away

*[cross open hands on chest, swish down to sides]*

And out comes the bear ready to play. *[pop thumb out of fist]*

He stays out all summer in sunshine and heat.

He hunts in the forest for berries to eat.

*[spread fingers of one hand to create "forest," move "bear" through it]*



# Five Black Bears

(Patti's Preschool, adapted)

Five black bears out to explore,

One searched for berries.

Then there were four.

Four black bears, climbing up a tree,

One searched for honey.

Then there were three.

Three black bears on roots began to chew,

One searched for fish.

Then there were two.

Two black bears resting in the sun,

One searched for a den.

Then there was one.

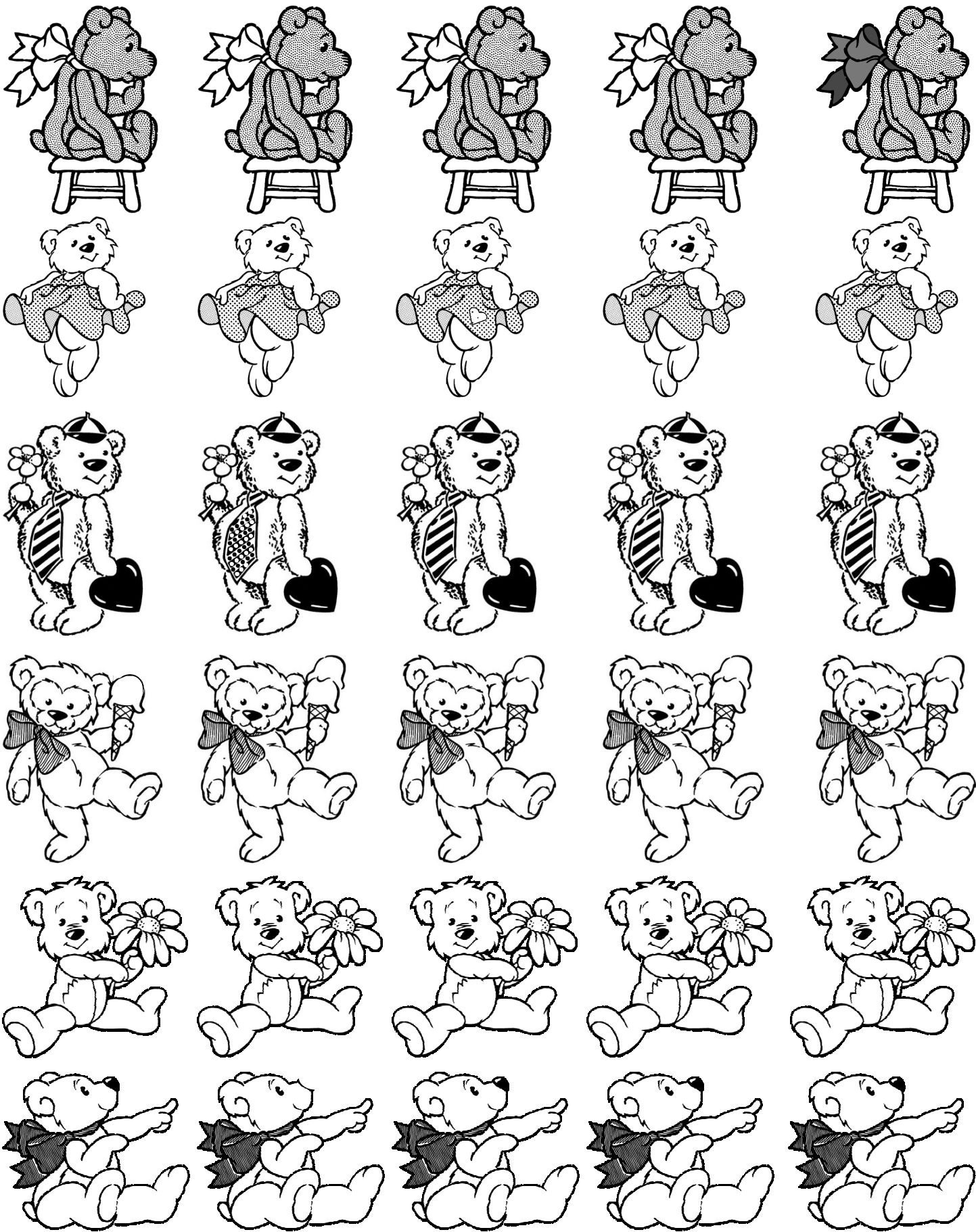
One black bear, yes, only one,

He searched for a friend.

Then there were none.



Which picture in each row is different?



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## Puzzles, Puppets, and Music

- Bear Puppet
- Princess Bear Lacing Box (32 pieces)
- Bear Family Dress Up (54 pieces)
- Learn & Play Teddy Puppet
- Little Bear Puppet

## Music

- Favorite Camp Songs* CD





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*"B" Is for Building* [building & construction machines]

*Beautiful Babies* [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]

*Billions of Bugs* [all kinds of insects]

*Birthday Bonanza* [celebrating birthdays]

*Bunches of Bears* [teddy bears & real bears]

*Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens* [cats & kittens]

*Dazzling Dinosaurs* [dinosaurs]

*Fabulous Food* [food and eating]

*Fascinating Families* [all types of families & their members]

*Fun on the Farm* [farms & farm animals]

*Helpers & Heroes* [community helpers]

*Monster Mania* [monsters]

*Pooches by the Pound* [dogs & puppies]

*Preschoolers Pretend* [imagination & play]

*Rainbows & Stars* [colors & shapes]

*Sensational Seasons* [the four seasons]

*Sing a Song of Sixpence* [music & rhyme]

*Spectacular Sea Stories* [ocean & sea creatures]

*Trips Around Town* [places to visit]

*Wild Weather* [all types of weather]

*Wonderful World of Wheels* [transportation]

*Going to the Zoo* [zoos & zoo animals]

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