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We are shaking things up a bit with our Summer Reading Program 2021!

In this week's Storytime Packet, our theme is the Forest! Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around bears and rabbits.

All suggested reads can be found in the Brevard County Public Library System and are available to be checked out.

This packet consists of two fully developed storytimes: Babies & Toddlers, and Preschool. Each storytime can be used for all ages though and are for early literacy enrichment and education at home.

Why storytime?

- Literacy development starts early in life and is highly correlated with school achievement.
- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.
- You don't always need to read books! Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture.



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Storytime, STEAM, Craft, and Teen Packets developed by the Youth Services Department

Forest Storytime

Babies & Toddlers

Suggested Books:

- "Curious Encounters" by Ben Clanton
- "Follow Me, Little Fox" by Camila Correa
- "Let's Play in the Forest" by Claudia Rueda
- "Looking for a Moose" by Phyllis Root
- "The Bear Who Shared" by Catherine Raynor
- "The Great AAA-OOO" by Jonny Lambert
- "Little Owl's Night" by Divya Srinivasan

Rhyme: *"Running Swiftly Little Deer"*

(Sung to *"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"*)

Running swiftly little deer,
Through the forest, far and near
Over logs and under boughs,
Racing over rivers now
Keep on running little deer,
You will soon be in the clear.

Lapsit: *"Look Around the Forest"*

Oh, look around the forest, the forest, the forest.
(Rock your child side to side)
Oh, look around the forest, now what do you see?
(Rock your child side to side)
I see a moose, and I see an owl.
(Bounce child gently up and down)
Oh, look around the forest, do you see them too?
(Rock your child side to side)

Fingerplay: *This Little Squirrel*

(similar to *This Little Piggy*)

This little squirrel said, "Let's run and play."
(Point to thumb)
This little squirrel said, "Let's hunt nuts today."
(Point to index finger)
This little squirrel said, "Yes, nuts are good."
(Point to middle finger)
This little squirrel said, "Our favorite food."
(Point to ring finger)
This little squirrel said, "Come climb this tree
(Point to pinky)
And crack these nuts, one, two, three!"
(Clap, clap, clap)

Forest Learning Activities

Fun with snacks:

Gummy Bears: Divide a paper plate into sections. Sort gummy bears into sections by color.

Teddy Grahams or Annie's Bunnies: Pretend and play with the bears or bunnies. Act out the songs or stories in these packets, or other stories you know. If different colors are available, sort them by color.

Go for a walk in a forest near you. Point out the different types of trees and plants in the forest. Look and listen all around. Ask your child what they hear, and see if they can find the source of the sound (a babbling brook, chirping bird, or chattering squirrel).

Rhyme Activity

Use the bunny cut outs below or act out the movements yourselves!

Five Little Bunnies

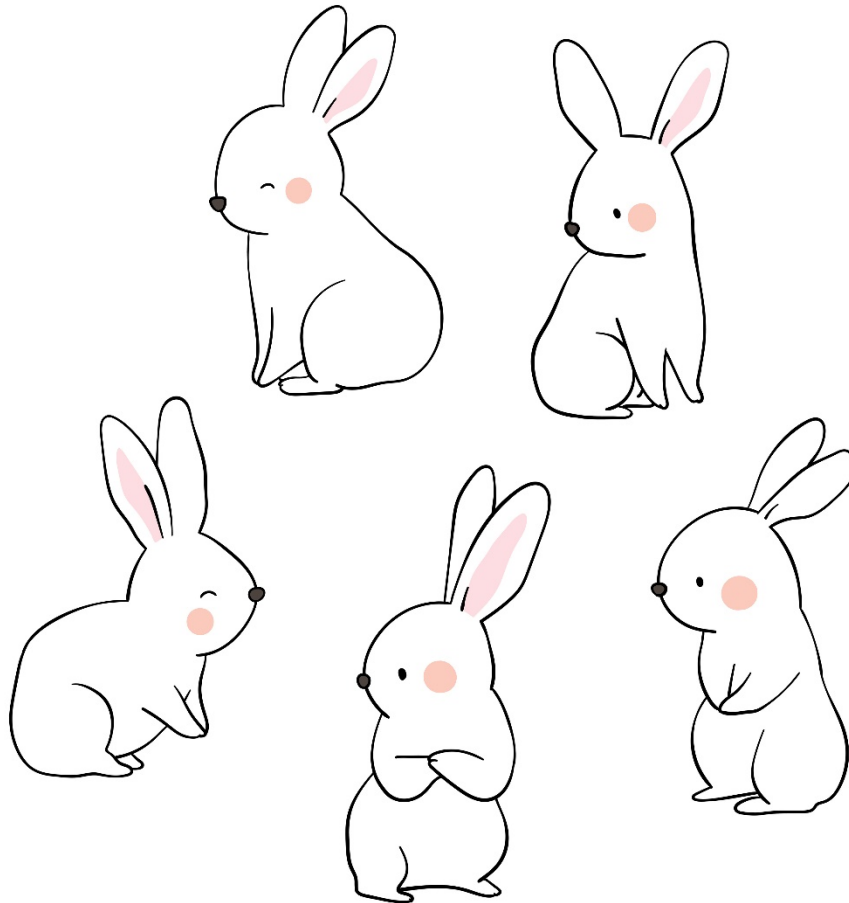
Five little bunnies hopping up and down (hop up and down).

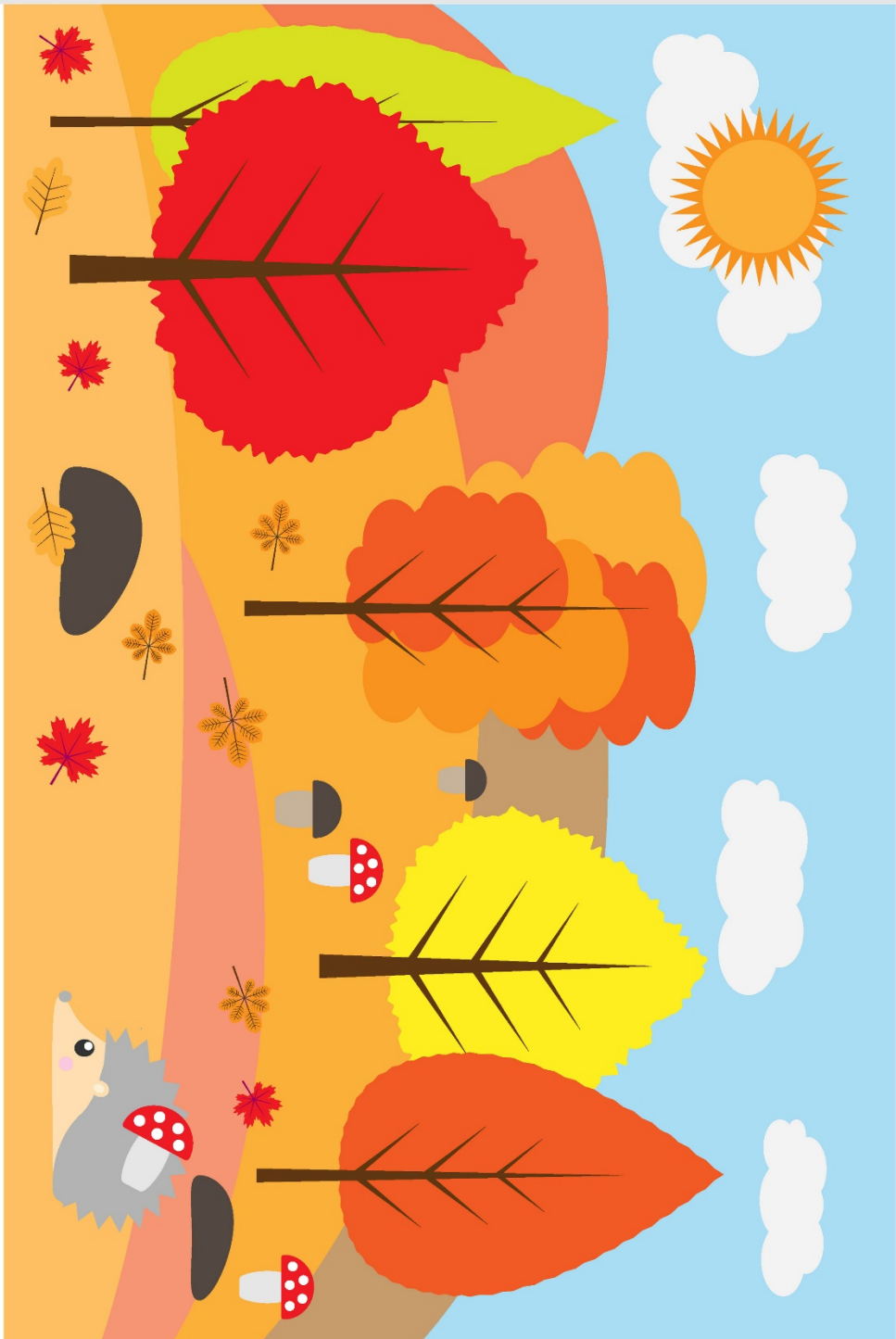
Five little bunnies dancing all around (dance all around).

Smelling fresh clover across the way (sniff the air and look in the distance).

One little bunny hopped quietly away (hop quietly away).

How many do we have left? (Repeat the rhyme until you have no little bunnies)





How many?

Preschool

Suggested Books:

"A Bear Is a Bear" by Karl Newson

"At the Edge of the Woods" by Cynthia Cotton

"Life in the Forest" by Connor Stratton

"Find Me! Adventures in the Forest" by Agnese Baruzzi

"In the Forest" by Shira Evans

"Tall, Tall Tree" by Anthony Fredericks

"Oliver the Curious Owl" by Chat Otis

Song: Raccoon

(Sung to the tune of "Kookaburra" - KidsSparks)

Raccoon sleeps in a hollow tree

While the sun shines on you and me.

Sleep, racoon.

Sleep, racoon.

Warm and cozily.

In the darkest part of night

Raccoon has the best eyesight.

Look raccoon.

Look, raccoon.

My, your eyes are bright.

Raccoon hardly makes a sound

When he prowls all around.

Hunt, racoon.

Hunt, racoon.

Find food on the ground.

Rhyme: A Wise Old Owl

A wise old owl lived in an oak.

The more he saw, the less he spoke.

The less he spoke, the more he heard.

Now, wasn't he a wise old bird?!

Song: I'll Be Gathering All the Acorns

(Sung to the tune of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain" - Lesa the Story Time Lady)

I'll be gathering all the acorns till they're gone.

I'll be gathering all the acorns till they're gone.

I'll be gathering all the acorns, gathering all the acorns.

I'll be gathering all the acorns till they're gone!

Flannel Board/Prop Story: The Bear Went Over the Mountain

(Sung to the tune of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow")

- Cut out the pictures on the next page to act out this song.

The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
To see what he could see.

But all that he could see,
But all that he could see,

Was the other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see.

The bear went across the river,
The bear went across the river,
The bear went across the river,
To see what he could see.

But all that he could see,
But all that he could see,

Was the other side of the river,
The other side of the river,
The other side of the river,
Was all that he could see.

The bear went through the forest,
The bear went through the forest,
The bear went through the forest,
To see what he could see.

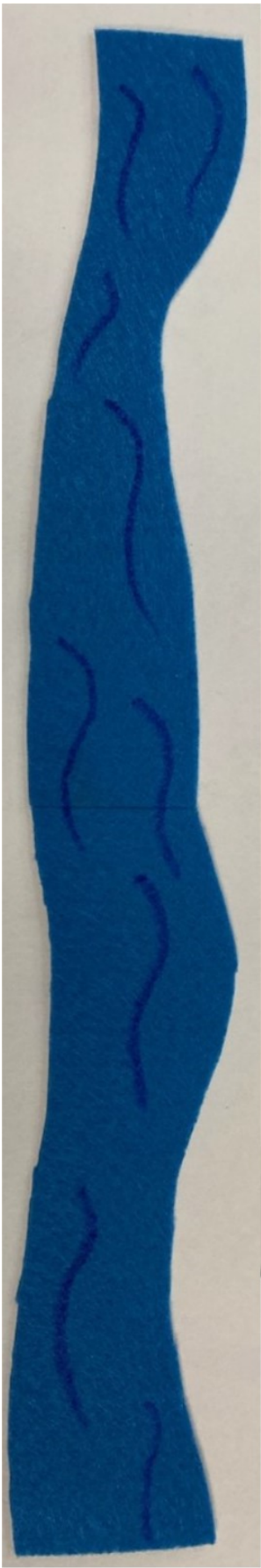
But all that he could see,
But all that he could see,

Was the other side of the forest,
The other side of the forest,
The other side of the forest,
Was all that he could see.

The bear climbed up the big tree,
The bear climbed up the big tree,
The bear climbed up the big tree,
To see what he could see.

And all that he could see,
And all that he could see,

Was the forest, river, and mountain,
The forest, river, and mountain,
The forest, river, and mountain,
Was all that he could see.



Forest Activity Sheets

Color in this picture and then complete the maze. Help the bunny find his family.

