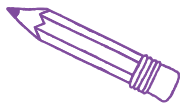


# ACTIVITY TIME

## Featured Stories Program

books  
for  
preschoolers



**Book title: 71 SHEEP TRY SOCCER**

By Pablo Albo and Raul Guridi

*71 Sheep Try Soccer* is a very funny and playful book about a flock of sheep attempting to play a game of soccer. They must work together to overcome some challenges and discover how important perseverance, practice and good team work really is!

### Activity: Soccer skittles

#### You will need:

- Skittles – you can use a clean plastic bottle or rolled cardboard
- Template
- Crayons or markers
- Sticky tape
- Soft ball – you can also make a ball by scrunching up newspaper or tin foil.

#### Instructions:

1. Colour and decorate your number labels template
2. Tape 1 label to each skittle, you can choose how many numbers you have
3. Set up your skittles
4. Stand a distance away and see how many skittles you can knock over
5. Count your skittles and reset
6. Take turns with your child.

After reading *71 Sheep Try Soccer*, you might like to:

Explore different ball games with your child. Practice rolling, throwing, catching, kicking or dribbling balls in the garden. You might like to use two skittles to set up goal markers in your garden and practice getting the ball through to score a goal.

You can play games with numbers, the skittles game is a great way to have fun with counting. Explore numbers through games such as:

- Counting the individual number of skittles that fall down
- Add the number on the skittles that fall down, for example:  $1 + 4 = 5$
- Spot different numbers around the house or when you are out and about, look out for street signs or letterboxes
- Talk about numbers with your child. Explore big numbers when talking about how many people at a sporting game for example, there might be hundreds or even thousands of people.

#### Songs

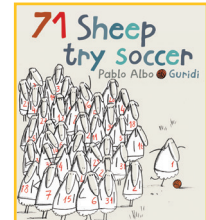
*Baa Baa Black Sheep* or *5 Little Sheep (ducks) Went Out One Day*.

#### Key message

Children learn being engaged and doing.

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**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**



