

ACTIVITY TIME

Ten Little Figs

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Ten Little Figs is a joyful rhyming picture book that incorporates counting and Australian animals.

Let's count together!

You will need:

- You and your toddler
- Figs activity sheet
- Coloured pencils
- Scissors
- Egg carton.

What to do

1. With your toddler and the figs activity sheet, colour in each of the figs. Carefully cut around each fig.
2. Take your egg carton and put a fig in each egg hole. As you place a fig into the carton, count with your toddler. "There are 3 figs in the carton, if we put another one in, how many figs will there be?"
3. Once you have filled the carton, begin to take one fig away at a time. Talk with your toddler about how many figs there are left. Let them try to figure out the numbers as you go. "There are 8 figs in the carton, if I take one away, how many figs are left?". Encourage your toddler to count the number out to work out the answer.

More ideas:

If you don't have an egg carton, you can use any container you like and use items from around the house like a ball of paper, fruit, toys or blocks.

Bake a fig cake or cupcakes together – talk with your toddler about the different measurements as you bake. When it is cool and ready to eat, talk with your toddler about how many slices you are cutting and how many people are going to have some to eat. "If you and I are both having a piece of cake, how many pieces will we need?".

You could also make some figs or different fruits out of playdough and count out how many figs you make.

STEM Focus

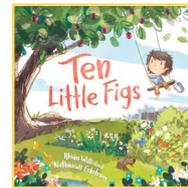
Toddler can discover a range of maths through play, including counting, colours, shapes, sorting, matching and measuring. Maths and numeracy are everywhere and young children will learn to count and identify shapes very early, and long before they learn to read.

Songs to sing

"1 2 3 4 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive", "5 Little Ducks", "One Two Buckle My Shoe".

Key message

Children are born ready to use and learn mathematics.



Adult supervision is required at all times when children play or are around water.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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