



Theme: Counting and Numbers

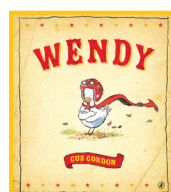
Book title: WENDY

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Balloon rocket!

You will need:

- Template (optional)
- Textas, pencils, stickers, etc
- Balloons
- Drinking straws
- Piece of string or wool (approx 4-5 metres)
- Sticky tape.



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

Instructions:

1. Thread the string/wool through a drinking straw (you may need a skewer or knitting needle to help push it through).
2. Tie one end of the string to a chair, door knob or sturdy object about 4-5 metres away.
3. Blow up the balloon and use your fingers to hold the end shut. Do not tie it!
4. Stick the straw horizontally to the top of the balloon using tape. Stick on any other decorations such as the Wendy chicken from the template provided.
5. When ready... let go of the balloon and watch it go!

Ideas:

Before you let go of the balloon for the first time talk about what might happen. You may want to explain that the balloon will 'deflate' or leave it a surprise. Be prepared: some children can become upset/distressed by the balloon popping or deflating.

Try this activity outside using large balloons and see how far your balloon rocket can travel. Can it go right across your garden or patio? What about up and down some stairs? Try adding streamers to the end, or using a funnel to pour a small amount of dried lentils or rice into the balloon. What happens then?

Talk about flying, rockets, airplanes and other methods of travel and transport. Where could you go and explore and what would you find there?

Songs:

Silver balloon (The Music Man CD by Paul Jamieson) available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3UutF7AjKo> or <http://www.themusicman.com.au/songs.html>

Key Message: Children learn through being engaged and doing

Please dispose of all pieces of balloon so your child can't swallow by accident.

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