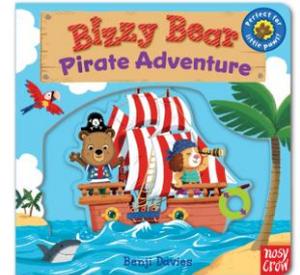


## Bizzy Bear: Pirate Adventure by Benji Davies

### Theme: Boats (October 2013)

Join Bizzy Bear on a fun, interactive pirate adventure on the seven seas! Cleverly designed for little fingers, this engaging book allows the child to help steer the boat, raise the flag, and open the treasure box!



### Key Message For Parents: Children Learn From Watching and Copying

- The ability to imitate is present at birth
- This ability of learning through observation is made possible through a mirror neuron system in the brain
- By singing songs and playing games with babies we are assisting a child's cognitive development by teaching language and social skills.

### Learning Outcome 1: Children are Effective Communicators

- Children are social beings, who from birth begin with gestures to communicate
- Children learn to interact verbally and non verbally with others as they experience the world
- Children's home language underpins their sense of identity and belonging

### Welcome

Ask carers to write nametags for themselves and their babies.

Welcome everyone, introduce yourself, remind adults to turn their mobile phones off and that there will be time for adults to chat after the story and songs.

### Sing Welcome Song (or your preferred song)

Have the words available as a handout or written on a board or butcher's paper for the adults to read and join in.

#### Good Morning

*Good morning to you*

*Good morning to you*

*Good morning everybody*

*And welcome to you!*

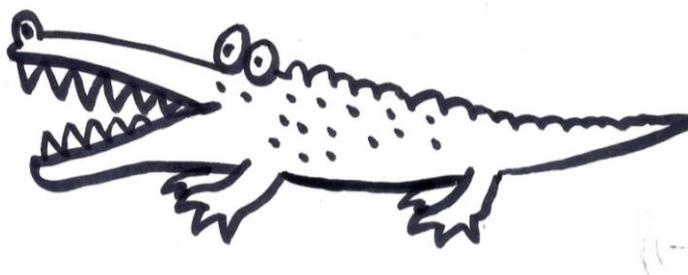


## Song

### Row Row Row Your Boat

Ask parents to position child in their laps and just rock back and forth for this song

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream!



Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
If you see a crocodile (arms snapping motion)  
Don't forget to scream! (arms up!)

## Before Reading

Introduce the book 'Bizzy Bear'. You may like to use a teddy bear and dress it up as a pirate! Explain that Bizzy Bear is going on an adventure in a boat. You might even have a cardboard box or carton you could use as a boat.

## During Reading

Bizzy Bear Pirate Adventure is an interactive board book-with an opportunity on every page for to lift, turn or open something! Make sure you spend time demonstrating slowly how each page and picture moves.

## After Reading

Revisit the book by turning the book into a song! Sing the words to the tune of Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turn around!

Bizzy bear Bizzy bear ready to go  
Bizzy bear Bizzy bear Yo ho ho!  
Bizzy bear Bizzy bear day and night  
Bizzy Bear Bizzy bear left and right  
Bizzy Bear Bizzy bear sees some land  
Bizzy Bear Bizzy Bear digs the sand  
Buzzy Bear Bizzy Bear What does it hold?  
Bizzy bear Bizzy bear coins of gold!





## Activity Time

### Bizzy Bear's Telescope!

Materials needed:

- Sticky tape
- Foam Stickers
- Cellophane
- Cardboard rolls



Create this telescope with a cardboard roll or by rolling an A4 piece of paper or card into a cylinder. On one end stick coloured cellophane. Give children a range of foam stickers and paper to decorate it!

### Further extension ideas

- Fill a bathtub with water and have some toy boats bobbing about
- Hide some "treasure" (shiny paper, plastic lids etc) in a sand tray and let children dig for buried treasure
- Suggest to parents they might like to make some boat themed snacks for their child!  
Use a banana for a boat, a toothpick for a mast and a slice of cheese for a sail!

### Goodbye

Conclude the session with some suggestions of relevant books that parents might want to borrow. The Little Big Book Club recommends the following books to support learning in this area

- Row Row Row Your Boat by Anne Kubler
- Maisy's Book of Things that go by Lucy Cousins

### Goodbye Song

Depending on the size of your group, you may wish to insert each child's name in the place of 'you' as it develops a more personal relationship between yourself, the child and the family.

Sung to the tune of (*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*) **or** your preferred choice.

### Goodbye

*This is the way we say goodbye (use a waving action)*

*Say goodbye, say goodbye*

*This is the way we say goodbye*

*To all our library friends (or) (to our friend.....)!*

For more book suggestions, tip sheets, nursery rhymes, songs and fun things to make and do please visit:  
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