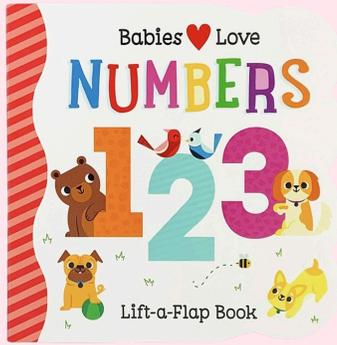


Book to add to your child's library: *Baby Loves Numbers 1, 2, 3* by Cottage Door Press



BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

That Makes Five

Use 5 medium-sized items such as a washrag, yarn ball, small cup, or set of keys. Sit on the floor with your baby and put an object in each hand. Offer a third, fourth, and fifth object, and let your baby figure out how to put down a toy in order to pick up another.

Variations: (1) Ask your baby to give you a toy. (2) Put all 5 in front of your baby and don't offer any directions.

Unwrap It

Babies love to unwrap boxes, so cater to that joyful activity by wrapping a few to be torn open. Enclose small favorite belongings like blankets, books, or toys. Use newspaper comics instead of wrapping paper. Variation: Wrap a few pieces of cereal or crackers inside. Yum!

Blanket Ride

Place your little one and a favorite stuffed animal on a blanket that's laid out on the floor. Give your child a ride by pulling the blanket through the house. Talk about what you're doing as you pull "We're going fast... slow... around in a circle, etc."

EXPLORATION

Touch and Tell

Provide your infant with soft blocks that have the numbers 1 to 5 written on them. If you don't have any blocks, you can make the numbers with felt cloth or from an old baby blanket. Lay the numbers out for your child to play with, and each time he picks one up, say the number for him.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Five Fat Peas

Five fat peas in a pea pod pressed
(hold hand in a fist)
One grew, two grew, and so did all the rest
(put fingers up one by one)
They grew and grew
(raise hand in the air very slowly)
And did not stop,
Until one day
The pod went POP!
(clap hands together)

Here's a Ball

Here's a ball
(make ball with thumb and index finger)
And here's a ball
(make ball with other thumb and index)
A great big ball, I see
(put arms up and touch fingers over head)
Shall we count them?
Are you ready?
One, Two, Three
(make all three balls in succession)

Wiggle Song

I wiggle wiggle wiggle my fingers
I wiggle wiggle wiggle my toes
I wiggle wiggle wiggle my shoulders
I wiggle wiggle wiggle my nose.
Now no more wiggles are left in me,
So I will be a still as can be.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

Five Kisses

Tell your baby "Mommy wants one kiss," then proceed to kiss him one time. Then say "Now, mommy wants two kisses," then kiss him two times, counting each kiss. Continue until you get to five kisses, kissing your baby five times.

Tickle Time

If your baby likes tickles, play with her on the bed with tickles everywhere. Sometimes, lift your hand to pretend to make a tickle, then stop as your baby squeals in anticipation.