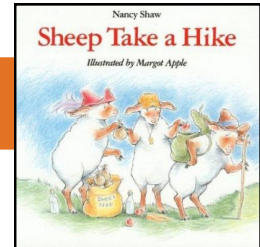
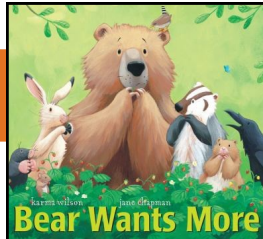
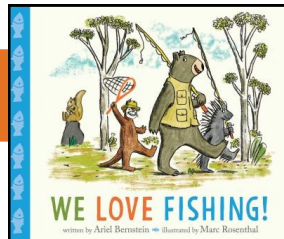


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

"Tie reading to an outing. If you're going to a museum, bring home a book about a favorite exhibit, so children see reading as an experience."

National Center for Families Learning

## activity

Create a scavenger hunt. Think of all the things you might see when going for a hike—birds, insects, rocks, little creatures, leaves, etc. Make a check off sheet of the things you want your little explorers to keep an eye out for. You can laminate or put in a clear plastic bag. Set a time limit, like 30 minutes, so children don't get bored.

## digital fun

Check out [PBS Kids](#) for fun games your child can play to explore the outdoors.

## READ

[One-Dog Canoe](#)

Mary Casanova

[At the Edge of the Woods](#)

Cynthia Cotten

[We're Going on a Bear Hunt](#)

Michael Rosen

## PLAY

Set up a tent, either inside or out, using a rope and an old sheet. Children can play inside the tent and pretend to camp.

## TALK

When outdoors, stop and listen to the sounds. Have your child name all the sounds they hear and talk about them.

## SING

**A Camping We Will Go** (Tune:

*The Farmer in the Dell*)

A camping we will go

A camping we will go

Hi ho and off we go

A camping we will go

Additional verses

We'll pitch the tent right here...

We'll crawl into the tent...

We're having lots of fun!

We're having lots of fun!

Hi ho and off we go

We're having lots of fun!

## WRITE

Use sidewalk chalk to draw pictures or write letters and numbers outside.