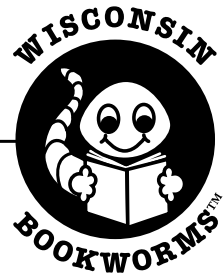


Activity Sheet



"The Hokey Pokey"

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Brightly colored and unabashedly cheerful, this picture-book version of the popular song is bound to get an enthusiastic response.

Before you read this book: Spend some time working on "right" and "left" with the children.

While you read this book: It will be a challenge to keep them in their seats for this one. You can have them watch the illustrations for the cats and dogs doing the "Hokey Pokey," and have them look for the surprise animals as well. (Parrots, goldfish and a mouse).

After you read this book: Read it again. Everybody stand up and get in a circle, the "Hokey Pokey" is about to begin. While you don't have to sing the words, it certainly would be a lot of fun.

Try this at home: Check at your local library for children's dance music. Throw a CD in and have fun. Another great source for fun kid's music is PBS Kids Mr. Steve. You can find his music at www.stevesongs.com. Make music and dance a regular part of your children's active play.

Additional activities: Go to www.pbs.org/parents/curiousgeorge/activities and look at the "Curious George Family Activity Booklet." This 12-page activity booklet invites parents to join their children in exploring science, engineering and math through play.

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