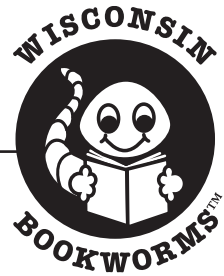


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Activity Sheet



Rooster's Off to See the World

By Eric Carle

One fine morning a rooster decides he wants to travel. As he travels, two cats, three frogs, four turtles and five fish join him.

Before you read this book: Explore other Eric Carle books to find your favorite.

While you read this book: Stop to count the blocks on the side of the page. How many turtle blocks are there? Be sure to do this when the animals are being added and, later, subtracted.

Reading Tip: Look for books about things that interest your toddler. For example, does your child like cars, insects or animals?

After you read this book: Talk about addition and subtraction by counting the numbers to five. Start with "one" toy, then "two" stuffed animals, then "three" books, etc. Once you get to five start taking the items away while you subtract.

Try this at home: Explore different sets of items. How many chairs do you have around your table? How many plates. How many toes do people have?

Read it again and again and again.

Your child will probably want to hear a favorite story over and over. Go ahead and read the same book for the 100th time! Research suggests that repeated readings help children develop language skills.

From Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers: <http://www.pbs.org/launchingreaders/>

Also read: *Count on Clifford* by Norman Bridwell

Counting Crocodiles by Judy Sierra and Will Hillenbrand

Older kids will love *Knots on a Counting Rope* by John Archambault, Ted Rand and Bill Martin Jr.

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