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# Goldilocks and the Three Bears

A quick trick with bowls

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Learning about sizes is fun when the activity is linked to a famous story.

## Materials:

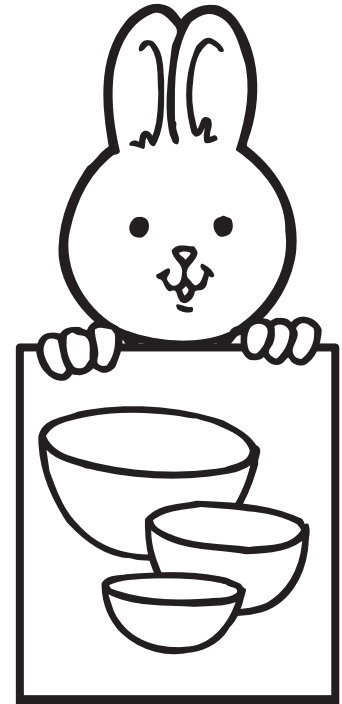
Three plastic bowls of different sizes

## Directions:

1. Gather the children in a circle.
2. Read or tell the story *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. When you get to the part about the porridge, place the bowls in the middle of the circle. Have the children help you set the bowls from biggest (for Papa Bear) to smallest (for Baby Bear).
3. Store the bowls and a book about Goldilocks in a place where children can act out the story on their own.

## Options:

- Add additional props to the story. For instance, you might bring in three different-sized chairs.
- This story can be used as a lead-in for snack time. Serve porridge.
- Use the patterns on the next page to make puppets for use with the telling of this story. Copy the patterns onto heavy paper. Cut out the patterns and add icy-pole stick handles.



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# The Very Busy Spider

A quick trick with wool

Children will create a cooperative classroom spider web while you read this engaging story. Discuss how some spiders spin webs to catch their meals.

## Materials:

Wool

## Directions:

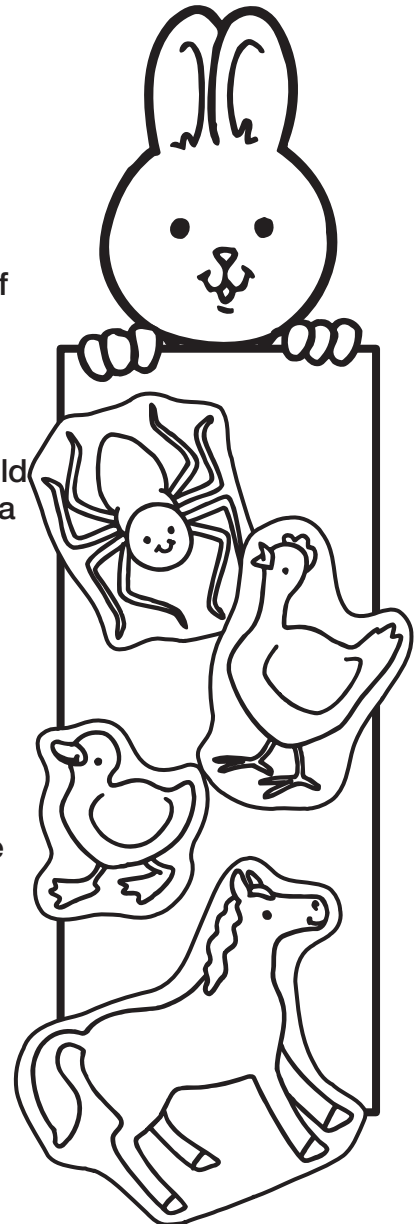
1. Tie the free end of a ball of wool to an object, such as a table.
2. Gather the children in a circle and give one child the ball of wool. That child is the spider.
3. Start to read *The Very Busy Spider*. When you reach the refrain ('but the spider was very busy') have the child wrap the wool around another object and then hand the ball to the next child.
4. Continue reading the story and having the children create a wool web in the classroom. Make sure that every child has a chance to string the wool web to an object.
5. At the end of the story, the children can work together to unravel the web.

## Options:

- Have different children act out the parts of the animals on the farm who approach the spider.
- Use the patterns on the next page to make puppets for use with the telling of this story. Copy the patterns onto heavy paper. Cut out the patterns and add icy-pole stick handles.

## Book Link:

*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle



# The Very Busy Spider

