Storytime Activity Guide

Baby Goes to Market
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Join Baby and Mama as they visit the market near their home in Nigeria (West Africa). As Mama shops, Baby has a lot of admirers that give him tasty food along the way without Mama noticing. Have fun with Baby exploring the colors of the market and counting all the treats!

Did you know?
Having a large vocabulary helps children to express themselves, learn new words and new concepts quickly. You can build vocabulary skills by talking about new words you see in Baby Goes to Market; practice saying the word out loud and see if you have a memory or experience that is related to the new word!

Talk about it!
• Talk to your child about the names of the foods Baby gets along the way and what color they are (yellow bananas, orange oranges, tan chin-chin cookies, yellow and black roasted corn, and brown and white coconut). Ask your child which food is their favorite. If there is a food they haven’t tried, talk about what it might taste like or how it is similar to something they are familiar with.
• Talk about Baby’s reactions throughout the book as he gets new food (surprised, grins, claps, beams, and licks his lips). Name each reaction and explain what it means if the child does not know. Then, act out each reaction together.
• Talk about where your food shopping is done. Do you go to markets like Baby? Do you go to farmers markets? Do you go to small grocery stores or large grocery stores? What items do you buy and what are your favorite items to get? Do you get to help put the items in the basket, bag or grocery cart?

Play: (activity with no materials)
Pretend with your child that you are at the market and you have a pretend basket. Pretend you are picking up the items in the order that Baby picked them up. Count them out as you go in order - five bananas (one, two, three, four, five). Continue onto the next items - four oranges, three chin-chin cookies, two roasted sweet corn, and one piece of coconut. See how much your child can remember the items, their order and the amount of each item.

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Create!

Recreate all the items Baby picked up at the market using playdough.

**Materials needed:**
- playdough (various colors)
- a plate, basket, or bowl
- plastic knife (optional)
- star-shaped cookie cutter (optional)

1. Gather multiple colors of playdough to represent the various items and get a bowl, plate or basket to put the items in. Also find a star cookie cutter (if you have one) and a plastic knife (if you have one).

2. Ask your child what item does Baby get first (bananas), second (oranges), third (chin-chin cookies) and fourth (coconut). Then, ask your child what color playdough they want to use for each item and how many do they need for each item.

3. Have your child use the playdough they selected to create the items in order they appear in the book: five bananas, four oranges, three chin-chin cookies, two roasted sweet corn and one piece of coconut.

4. When you get to chin-chin cookies, roll the playdough into three balls then flatten each ball. Next, use a star cutter (if you have one) to make stars or make the cookies in whatever shape you want.

5. For the roasted sweet corn, take playdough and roll it into two oblong or cylinder shapes. Then add pieces of playdough of another color to give it a roasted look.

6. When you get to the piece of coconut take two different colors and create two balls. Flatten one ball and use it to cover the remaining ball of playdough. Then use a plastic knife (if you have one) to cut the coconut you made into two pieces and add one piece to your basket. You can also use your hands to create two pieces.

7. Once you have all your items in the basket, pretend to eat them like Baby.