



Storytime Activity Guide

Big and Small

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Let's go outside! A lion is big, and a cat is small. A tree is big, and an acorn is small. A sunflower is big, and a bee is small. Let's compare the itty-bitty things and great big wonders we see in nature.

Did you know?

A good foundation in early math prepares children for “math thinking,” and for later academic success. **Early Math** includes number sense, classifications and patterning, measurement, mathematical reasoning, and geometry (shapes). While reading *Big and Small*, practice identifying shapes and using relational language (bigger, smaller, close, far) to develop your child's early math skills.



Words to Practice

Bigger
Smaller
Wide
Narrow
Shorter
Longer

Talk about it!

- Which object is bigger? Which object is smaller?
- Have you seen these animals/objects before? (Ex: I have seen a whale in the ocean)
- What similarities do you see?
- What differences do you notice?

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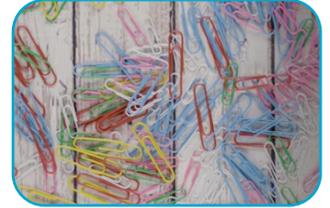


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Create!

Play a counting game with the 9 snoozing kittens.
Who will wake up first? How many will keep sleeping?

- Materials needed:**
- Large paper clips
 - Small toys or objects



1. Gather your paperclips.
2. Help your child connect the paperclips. Use the paper clips as a measuring tool.
3. Find different objects to measure using your paperclip measuring tool. Count the paper clips as you measure.
4. As you count the paper clips, ask your child questions like:
Which dog is bigger or smaller?
How long is the car?
5. Repeat step 3 & 4 to continue practicing subtraction. You can flip any number of the colored kittens over.



Play: Compare and Contrast

On your next walk/adventure, point out different objects you see. Then compare and contrast the objects you see. For example, the tree is bigger than the flower, the shed is smaller than the house, or the cars are the same size.

