

Corduroy the Bear

Celebrating the Birthday of Don Freeman (b. August 11, 1908)

Description of Program

Bring the gentle story of Corduroy, the toy bear whose corduroy trousers are missing one of two buttons, making him less attractive to the children who come to the department store where he lives, to the children by hosting a teddy bear picnic, reading the classic tale and creating a teddy bear bookmark plus so much more!

Program Plans

Children, ages 4 and older will enjoy this gentle story/activity time. Children should be encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bear along for the fun. As children enter the program, give them *Teddy Bear Ears* (see attached directions) to wear. In creating the picnic setting, position carpet squares in a circle on the floor. Place a picnic basket with various *Corduroy* books inside on top of a red and white checked tablecloth in the middle of the circle. After sharing the classic tale *Corduroy* with the children, enjoy the other activities listed.

Stories

Corduroy by Don Freeman

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

A Pocket for Corduroy by Don Freeman

A toy bear who wants a pocket for himself searches for one in a Laundromat.

Rhymes and Riddles with Corduroy based on the character created by Don Freeman.

A collection of rhyming riddles about what's special in every month of the year, featuring Corduroy the teddy bear.

Songs/Fingerplays

Go to Sleep, My Teddy Bear (A Traditional Lullaby)

Go to sleep, my Teddy Bear,
Close your little button eyes,
And let me smooth your hair.
It feels so soft and silky that,
I'd love to cuddle down by you,
So, Go to sleep, my darling Teddy Bear

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Author: Unknown

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Turn around.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Touch the ground.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Shine your shoes.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, Skidoo.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Go upstairs.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Say your prayers.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Turn out the light.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,

Say good night.

The Bear Went Over the Mountain

Author: Unknown

Tune: For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

The bear went over the mountain,

The bear went over the mountain,

The bear went over the mountain,

To see what he could see

To see what he could see,

To see what he could see

The other side of the mountain,

The other side of the mountain,

The other side of the mountain,

Was all that he could see

Was all that he could see,

Was all that he could see,

The other side of the mountain,

Was all that he could see!

Songs from <http://www.kididdles.com/>

Crafts

Teddy Bear Bookmark



To make this craft project you will need colored construction paper, a colorful pipe cleaner, scissors, crayons, and other materials to decorate your cute teddy bear bookmark. To begin cut out a simple teddy bear using the picture provided as a guide or create teddy bear of your own using your imagination. You could also use the template at the address below. Select colorful pieces of construction paper and cut out the teddy bears. The color you choose will be the dominant color of your bears. You could also use a heavier weight piece of paper if you wish to make a more sturdy bookmark. Decorate your teddy bears. Add facial features, clothes, and any else you want. Next take a colorful pipe cleaner and thread the teddy bears through the pipe cleaner to create a cute bookmark. Alternately you could tape or glue the teddy bears along one side of the pipe cleaner. Let the bookmark dry. Now it is time to enjoy your special teddy bear bookmark.

Craft idea available at www.bestkidsbooksite.com

- **Teddy Bear Ears**

Purchase brown headbands from a local arts and crafts store. Cut two “bear” ears using stiff brown felt. Glue the ears on to the headband and you now have “teddy bear” ears for the children to enjoy!

- **Pocket for Corduroy**

Give each child a ½ piece of construction paper. Cut out u-shaped pocket from corduroy fabric. Using tacky glue, have the child glue around the sides and bottom of the pocket and then glue it to the construction paper. Do not glue the top! After it dries, place something in the pocket such as a bookmark. Encourage the children to put their own special something into their pocket when they get home.

- **Teddy Bear Rubbings**

Cut teddy bear shapes from paper doilies or sandpaper. Tape the shapes to the table. Have the children place a piece of thin white paper over the teddy bear and rub a crayon over it to create their own bear.

- **Teddy Bear Sponge Painting**

Supply the children with teddy bear shaped sponges and paint. Have the child dip the sponge into the paint and press gently onto a piece of paper.

- Craft ideas available at: www.123child.com

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