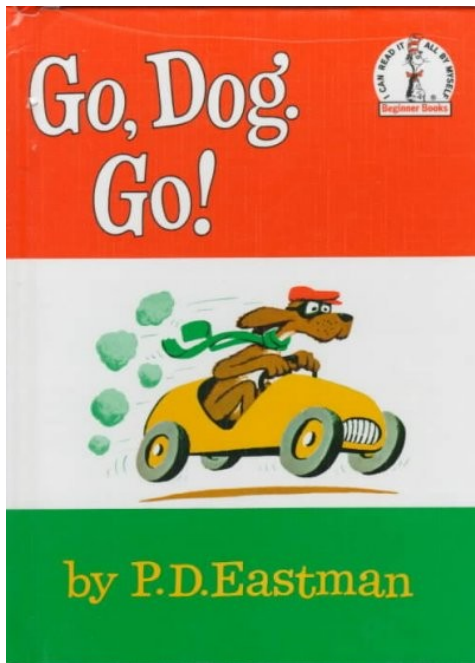


Go, Dog. Go! (Family Program, All Ages)



Description of Program: *Go, Dog, Go!* celebrates its 50th birthday this year. Dog, hat, and car stories, games, crafts, and activities will help us celebrate this event.

Program Plans Begin the program with stations set up for crafts, coloring pages, and activities (10-15 minutes). Give them cards to put a sticker on at each station to encourage them to try everything (see sample card for Babar Program). If they fill the card, they will receive a small prize. Read *Go, Dog, Go!* and other books by P.D. Eastman or other dog, car, or hat books of your choice, alternating rhymes, group stories, and books. End the program with activities, games, and snacks.

Stories: Read other Stories by P.D. Eastman
Go, Dog, Go! by P.D. Eastman
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman
Big Dog-Little Dog by P.D. Eastman

Songs/ Fingerplays/ PowerPoint

“Rags” from Corbett, Pie. *The Playtime Treasury*. New York: Doubleday, 1990.

“Puppy Pokey”

You put your small paw in*
You put your small paw out.
You put your small paw in,
And you shake it all about.

You do the Puppy Pokey, and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about!

*for other verses, substitute “cold nose,” “floppy ears,” “wagging tail,” and “puppy self.”

“B-I-N-G-O”

Craft Ideas

- Purchase small wooden cars [Oriental Trading] and give children markers and other materials to decorate the cars.
- Create paper Bag Dog Puppet [<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagdog.htm>]
- Create hats from paper or foam and give children a variety of materials to see who can make the funniest hat.
- Using clip art, print a variety of dogs out of card stock. Give children materials to see who can make the funniest dog. Attach to craft sticks and use as puppets.
- Cut out picture frames from foam. Purchase small colored dog bones and have children glue them to the frame. Another choice would be to print a variety of clip art dogs out of card stock and let children color, cut, and glue them to the frame.
- Purchase white autograph dogs and have children decorate them.



Activities or games

- **Musical Dog Game:** Have everyone sit in a large circle. To the music of “Oh Where Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone” or another dog song, pass a stuffed “Go Dog Go” animal around the circle. When the music stops, the person holding the dog is out. The last one left wins the dog or another prize.
- Use the stick puppet dogs. Call out different concepts from the book (in, out, up, down, etc.). Have the children follow along, like “Simon Says.”
- **How Many Bones in the Jar?”** Fill a plastic jar with small candy bones [available at Oriental Trading] and give each child a chance to guess how many are in the jar. The child whose guess is closest wins the jar of candy.
- Divide children into different teams. Using colored dog bones, have the children look for the bones. The team receives three points for finding bones for their team’s assigned color and one point for finding bones of the other teams’ color.
- In January 2011, a *Go, Dog. Go! Party Book* will be published with materials and ideas for parties.

Snack:

- Birthday cupcakes
- Puppy Chow (for humans)
- Candy bones or dogs

Prizes

- Dog Stickers
- Dog collar bracelets [Oriental Trading]
- Dog Nose masks [Oriental Trading]
- Dog shaped suckers [Oriental Trading]

Resources (online & book)

<http://www.birthdayexpress.com> [party goods for dog party]

