

Guess How Much I Love You

by Sam McBratney illustrated by Anita Jeram

<h2>Language</h2> <p>Sign Language--Learn the signs for "rabbit" and "I love you".</p> <p>Make a Card--Make an "I Love You" greeting card to give to a friend or relative. Decorate with heart stickers.</p>	<h2>Math</h2> <p>Shape - Heart--Help the children glue pre-cut heart shapes and heart stickers to a paper plate with the center cut-out to make a wreath. Attach a string and hang.</p> <p>Measurement--Cut yarn the length of child's arm span (from left hand to right hand with arms out straight). Glue hand cut-outs of child to ends of the yarn. Write on hands "I love you this much". Compare arm spans of others.</p>
<h2>Fine Motor</h2> <p>Make Bunny Ears - Cut a long strip from white construction paper for a headband. Cut bunny ear shapes and attach to the headband. Have the children glue cotton onto the ear part - let dry. Measure the band around the child's head and staple to fit.</p> <p>Scribble--use white chalk to scribble on a red construction paper heart.</p>	<h2>Gross Motor</h2> <p>Bunny Hop--Hop around like rabbits. Add rabbit ears from the Fine Motor activity.</p> <p>Bunny Bowling--Fill 2-liter plastic pop bottles about 1/3 with sand. Hot glue lids on. Draw (or paint) on bunny face. Add the cotton ball to the back of the bottle for the tail. Add a ball and go bowling!</p>
<h2>Game</h2> <p>Hop, Stop, Flop--Make paper plates into signs: Rabbit hopping (hop), Stop sign (stop), Rabbit sleeping (flop). Hold the hop sign, children hop; hold up the stop sign, they stop; hold up the flop sign they scurry back to their beds (pillows on the floor).</p>	<h2>Sensory</h2> <p>Rabbit Food--Discuss what rabbits like to eat. Taste these foods: carrots, lettuce, cabbage, etc. For very young, shredded carrots or even cold slaw mix is appropriate.</p>

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Music

"I Love You" Barney Song

I love you, You love me
We're a happy family
With a great big hug
And a kiss from me to you
Won't you say you love me too?

I love you, You love me
We're best friends
Like friends should be
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Pretend Play

Rabbit Care--Set up a pretend pet (stuffed) rabbit (or use the real thing if you have it). Pretend to water and feed the rabbit.

Telephone Play--Set up toy telephones. "Call" loved ones to say how much you love them.

Related Toys

Rabbit Blocks
Stuffed Rabbits

Rabbit or forest themed puzzles
Toy Vegetables

Online resources

(activities more suitable for older children)

DLTK-Kids Rabbit Crafts: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/rabbits.html>

Child Care Lounge Bunny Theme: <http://www.childcarelounge.com/Caregivers/bunny.htm>

First School Rabbit Theme: <http://www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/wild/rabbit.htm>