SING songs such as "Five Green and Speckled Frogs," "Ten in the Bed," and "Five Little Ducks."


TAKE your child on a number hunt around your house, in your neighborhood, or while shopping. Point out numbers on houses, street signs, and in stores.

COUNT aloud with your child throughout the day, such as counting crackers at snack time or friends on the swings at a park.

DRAW different arrangements of the same number of dots. (Down, across, diagonally, etc.) Help your child count them. Point out that the number is the same in all the arrangements.

DRAW differing numbers of large dots on several paper plates. Provide small objects such as pennies or beans. Have children place the corresponding number of objects onto the dots.

PLAY a following directions game in which you share a number and a movement, such as three stomps. Take turns with your child on giving the directions.

ASK your child to draw a specific number of objects from the book, such as two kittens.

MAKE a paper chain and count down to a special event such as a holiday, birthday, or vacation. Each day take away one chain and count how many are left.

PLAY "Guess and Check." Ask your child how many of something, such as windows or doors, are in your house. Write down their guess. Then help them count. Compare the actual amount to the guess.

SHARE counting rhymes such as "Here is the Beehive," "One, Two Buckle My Shoe," and "1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive."

