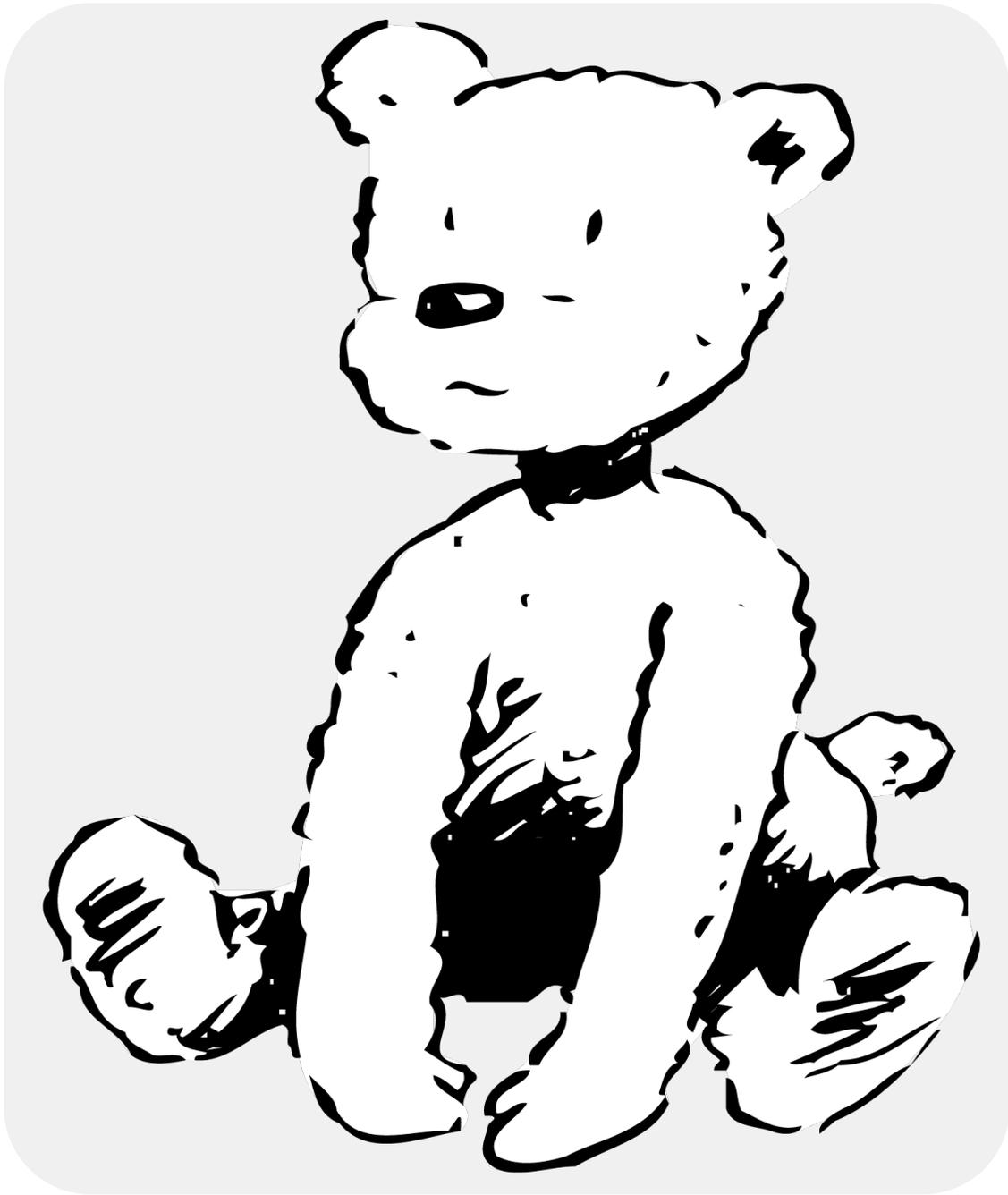




Jesse Bear, What Will You Wear?

by Nancy White Carlstrom

before five in a row



JESSE BEAR, WHAT WILL YOU WEAR?

A Before Five in a Row Fold-and-Learn

WELCOME

The following pages contain several activities designed to enhance your *Before Five in a Row* learning experience. Each *Before Five in a Row* Fold-and-Learn will contain the following elements:

Songs, Rhymes and Fingerplays

Songs, rhymes and fingerplays are fun for preschool children and for that reason alone they are extremely valuable! In addition to being fun, such activities are the earliest building blocks of literacy. As you enjoy these activities with your child he or she develops auditory skills and memory, learns to recognize rhyme and rhythm patterns, as well as working on hand/eye coordination. When appropriate, we hope to include a song, rhyme or fingerplay with each *Before Five in a Row* title for you to learn along with your child.

Learning Games

For the preschool age child, learning and exploration are ongoing! Setting aside a few short periods of focused play each day are a wonderful way to connect with your child and provide a predicable rhythm to your days at home. Games provide opportunities to introduce colors, numbers and letter recognition as well as social skills such as turn taking and self-control.

Arts & Crafts

Art is a wonderful way for preschoolers to explore colors and textures. So many skills emerge during artistic pursuits...we can't stress this point enough...art should be a part of every preschoolers day!

It's a Great Big World

The Animal Classification Game is such a fun part of *Before Five in a Row*! We hope to include real photographs of the animals mentioned in the stories. Print these cards on cardstock and help your child begin a collection. Such activities will encourage your child to begin recognizing familiar people, places and objects in the stories you share together. If you'd like, store your Fold and Learn in a pocket folder or you can attach an envelope or Ziploc bag to a file folder to store your game pieces. Use the title page to create a cover so you can find it easily. Whatever you decide to do, enjoy your *Before Five in a Row* Fold and Learn!

Blessings...from our family to yours!

Furry Bear

By A.A. Milne

If I were a bear,
And a big bear too,
I shouldn't much care
If it froze or snowed;
I shouldn't much mind
If it snowed or friz —
I'd be all fur-lined
With a coat like his!

For I'd have fur boots
and a brown fur wrap,
And brown fur knickers
and a big fur cap.
I'd have a fur muffle-ruff
to cover my jaws,
And brown fur mittens
on my big brown paws.
With a big brown furry-down
up to my head,
I'd sleep all the winter
in a big fur bed.



Ten Fingers

I have ten fingers
[hold up both hands, fingers spread]
And they all belong to me
[point to self]
I can make them do things—
Would you like to see?
I can shut them up tight
[make fists]
I can open them wide
[open hands]
I can put them together
[place palms together]
I can make them all hide
[put hands behind back]
I can make them jump high
[hands over head]
I can make them jump low
[touch floor]
I can fold them up quietly
[fold hands in lap]
And hold them just so.

**The fingerplay "Ten Fingers" is a wonderful way to help your little one become still before you sit down to read. Whisper the last few lines to bring the noise level down as you end the rhyme.

ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION CARDS



POLAR BEAR

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Phylum: Chordata
Class: Mammalia
Order: Carnivora
Family: Ursidae
Genus: Ursus
Species: *U. maritimus*



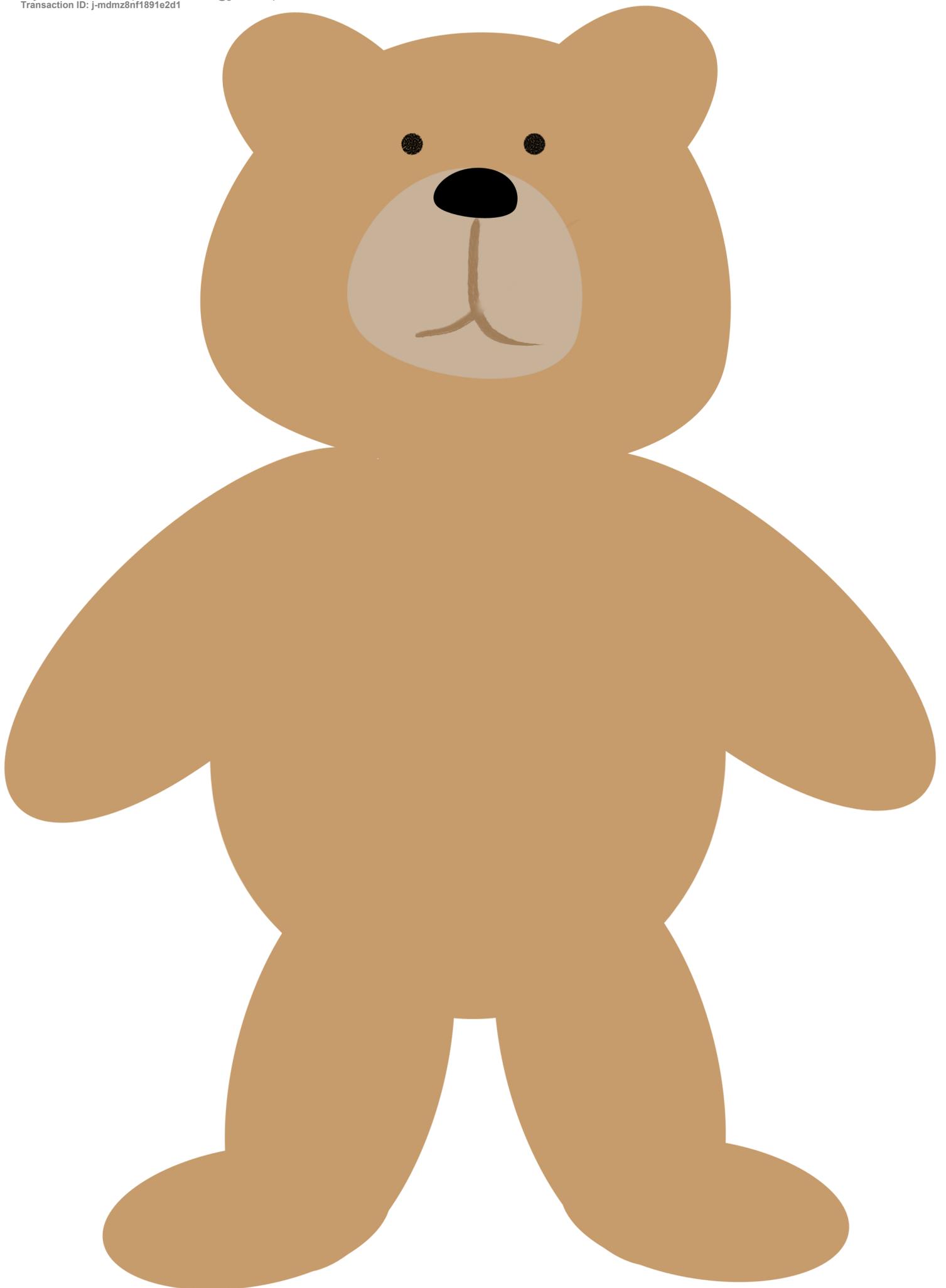
GRIZZLY BEAR

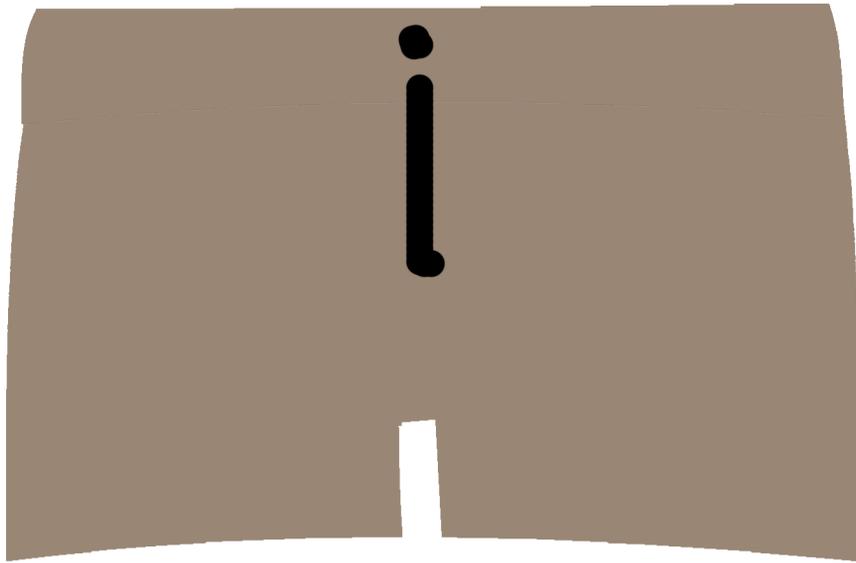
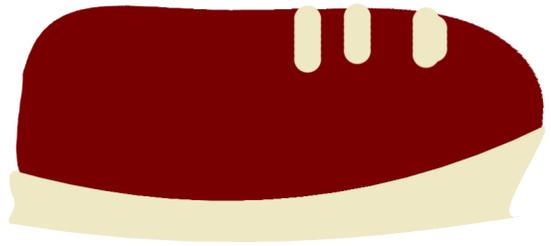
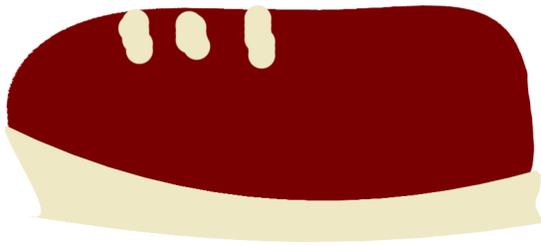
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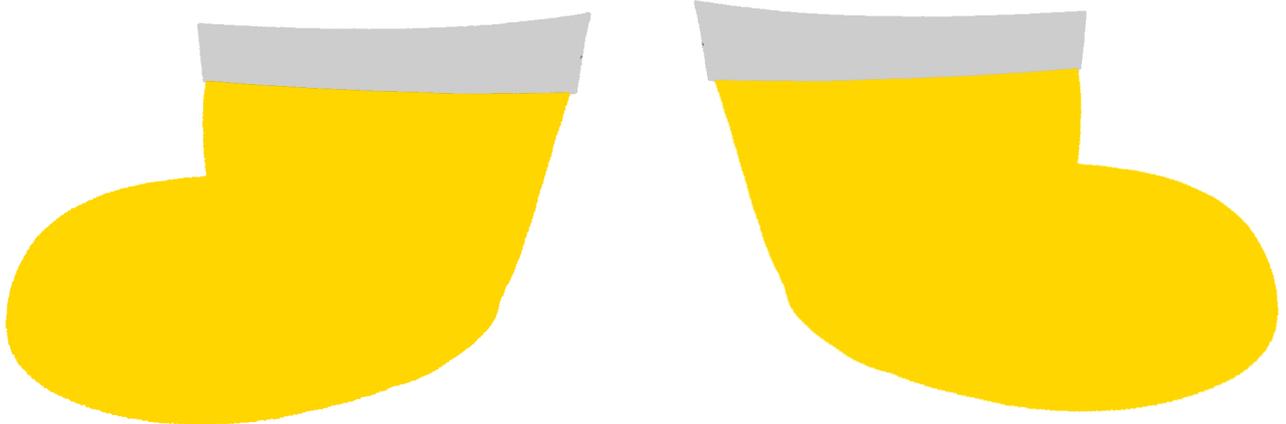
LEARNING GAMES

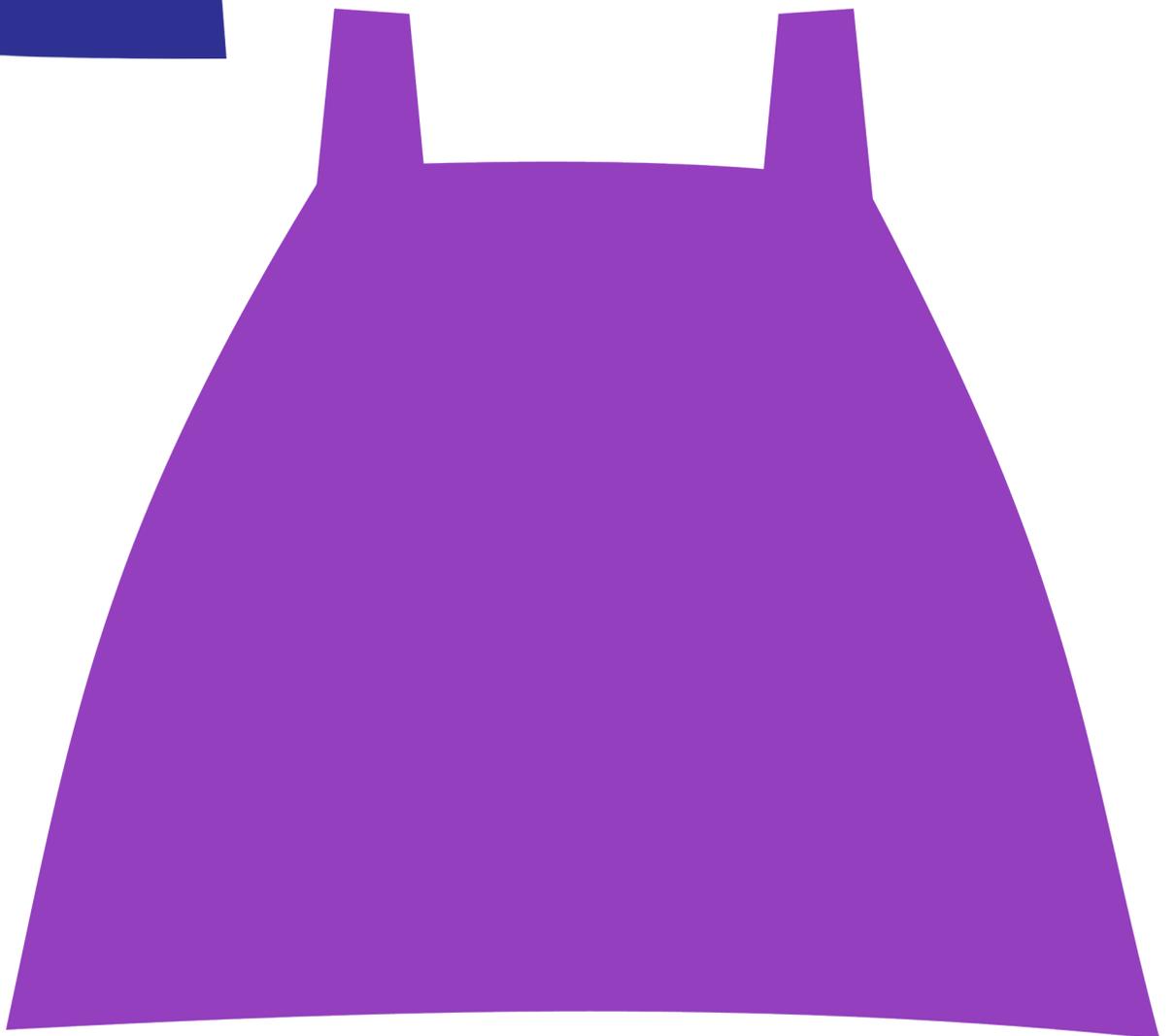
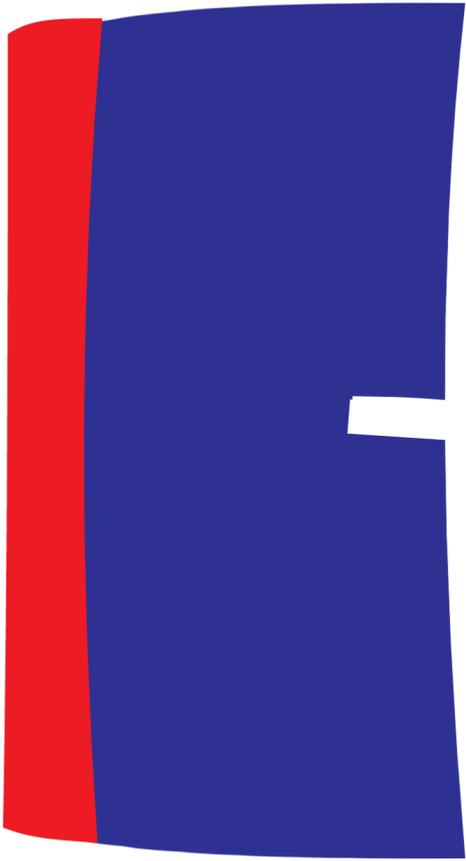
The following pages are patterns for you to cut out to make a Jesse Bear to dress with your child. There are several different outfits to try. You may wish to print them on cardstock and laminate them for repeated use. If you wish, you may want to place small Velcro dots on your bear and on the clothing so your Jesse Bear can really “wear” the outfit. You could also make a felt Jesse Bear and felt clothes using the cut outs as patterns. [To make a simple child size felt board, adhere a piece of self-adhesive felt to a piece of cardboard.]

Create a weather scene on your fold and learn folder and let your child “dress” Jesse Bear for the weather outside. [Example: For sunny days, Jesse may wear shorts and a tank top or a sundress, etc.] You might see if your child wants to make up a Jesse Bear story of his or her own and allow you to write it down.

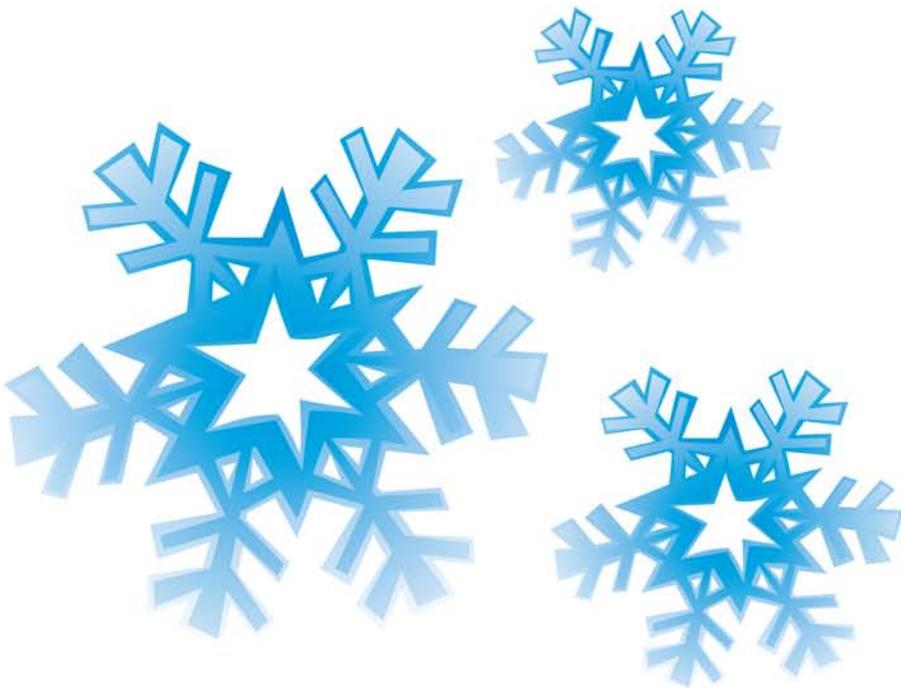
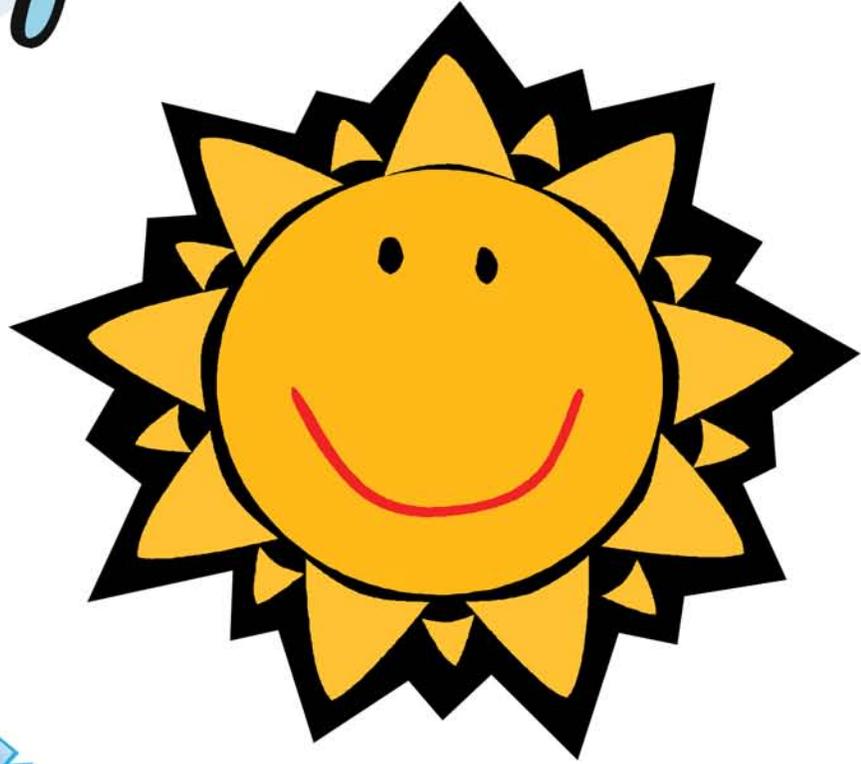








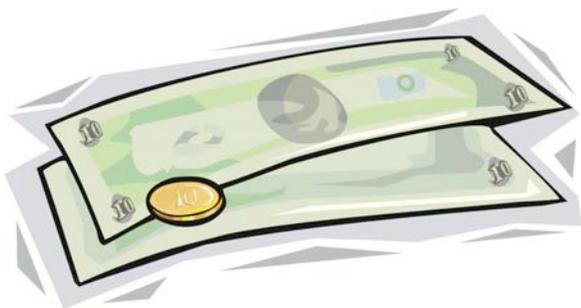




Teddy Bear Sorting Page: Use this page to sort your favorite teddy snacks. [Gummy Bears or Teddy Grahams] Color the bears according to the snack you are sorting. Use tally marks or numbers to record the number in the box and then eat up! You can also use these bears to make a color matching game. Just print on cardstock, color two of each color and cut apart. This same idea would work with numbers and letters too.



Use the images here to add to your Before Five in a Row ABC book [Mentioned in previously published Before Five in a Row Fold and Learn Products.]



Money



Mother



Monkey



games with preschoolers

All of our B4FIAR Fold and Learn Products contain printable cards and activities for creating your own learning games. The following are some of the ways we have used B4FIAR Game cards.

MEMORY MATCH: Make two identical cards and lay them out for a game of memory or concentration.

SCAVENGER HUNT: Hide different cards and then give clues for a fun scavenger hunt. For example: find the card with the _____ [and then include an age and activity appropriate clue] Use *hot* and *cold* to help make the hunt fun!

Use the extra clip art images and letters to make an ABC book your child can add to over time. A ring binder or a spiral notebook are great for this. Make an A page, a B page and so on, pasting the appropriate letters and images on each page. This is a fun way to practice all kinds of skills!

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