



Family Activity Ideas
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The Doorbell Rang

By Pat Hutchins



This lively book effectively conveys the concepts of sharing and simple mathematics to young children. You and your child will enjoy the company of this humorous family as they eat their favorite cookies.

Discussion

Before reading *The Doorbell Rang*, look at the cover with your child and ask them what they think is happening. What are the children doing? Why are they gathered around the door? While reading the story, ask your child what their favorite kinds of cookies are. Do you bake their favorite cookies? Have your child count how many times the doorbell rings in the story. How many children come over Victoria and Sam's house? Do they share their cookies? Talk about sharing with your child and explain the importance of it.

Activities

- **Baking cookies!**

Together you and your child can bake cookies just like the ones in the story. Using your child's favorite cookie recipe, follow the directions together and share with the rest of your family.



- **Setting the table.**



Give your child the responsibility of setting the table for dinner. They will learn responsibility as well as one-to-one concepts with this activity. Each person needs one of everything!





• **Friend finger play**

I have two friends (hold up 2 fingers)
And they have me (hold up one more finger)
Two friends and me make 1, 2, 3.



• **Get out the play dough!**

With this easy homemade play dough recipe, you and your child can pretend to make cookies together. For fun you can add food coloring and get out the cookie cutters.



Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salad oil (optional)



Combine all ingredients and store in an airtight container.



Other Books For Children

The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins
Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell
From Head to Toe by Eric Carle

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