



Books to Grow On

Pockets



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- Storytelling Apron with pockets
- Fun foam characters (6 pieces)

Related Activities

Poetry

There are many fun fingerplays and activity rhymes in the adult resource book. Here are some favorite poems about pockets!

What Did You Put in Your Pocket?

by *Beatrice Schenk de Regniers*

Use two puppets to tell this one. Have children put all the food into their (imaginary) pockets and shout out the refrain! (The full poem can be found in Juba This and Juba That by Virginia A. Tashjian.)

What did you put in your pocket
What did you put in your pocket
in your pockety pockety pocket
Early Monday morning?

I put in some chocolate pudding
I put in some chocolate pudding
slushy glushy pudding
Early Monday morning.

Refrain: Slushy glushy pudding!
What did you put in your pocket
What did you put in your pocket
in your pockety pockety pocket
Early Tuesday morning?

I put in some ice-cold water
I put in some ice-cold water
nicy icy water
Early Tuesday morning

Refrain:
Slughy glushy pudding!
Nicy Icy Water!

Repeat verses for each day of the week, adding to the refrain each time:

I put in a scoop of ice cream
slurpy glurpy ice cream
Early Wednesday morning.

We Hope You Enjoy This Books to Grow On Theme Kit

Each BTGO theme kit includes books, a curriculum packet and other library materials related to a specific subject. These kits have been designed to use with preschool age children. We recommend that you review each item in the kit before you share it with your children. We also encourage you to return the kit to your local library as soon as you are finished using it so we can make it available to others.

I put in some mashed potatoes
fluppy gluppy potatoes
Early Thursday morning.

I put in some sticky treacle
sticky, icky treacle
Early Friday morning.

I put in my five fingers
funny finny fingers
Early Saturday morning.

I put in a clean white
handkerchief
a spinky spanky handkerchief
Early Sunday morning.

Lucy Locket

Lucy Locket lost her pocket,
Kitty Fisher found it;
Not a penny was there in it,
Only ribbon round it.

Traditional

Sing a Song of Pockets

Sing a song of pockets
A pocket full of stones
A pocket full of feathers
Or maybe chicken bones
A pocket full of bottle tops
A pocket full of money
Or if it's something sweet you
want
A pocket full of honey...
ugh!

*By Beatrice Schenk
de Regniers*

Baby Kangaroo

Joey is a baby 'roo.
He has nothing else to do
But stay inside his mother's
purse.
Can you imagine anything worse?
Yet Joe's as happy in that pocket
As you and I'd be in a rocket
Soaring off to outer space.
He prefers his inner place.
It fits him like a glove or shoe.
It's made for baby kangaroo.

Fun and Games

The Adult Resource book, *All About Pockets*, is an amazing compilation of great activities using pockets as a theme. We have included the Storytelling Apron to assist you with some of these pocket-related activities.

Try using the fun foam characters and the storytelling apron with the poem "What's Inside the Pocket?" on page 64-65 of *All About Pockets*. The rhyme for the Long "E" sound includes a key, tree, 3 and B; we have also included a turkey and a coyote. For these additional characters, you could say:

*It lives in the desert and howls
at the moon (coyote)
It struts and makes a gobbling
sound (turkey)*

The Velcro on the back of the figures should help them stick to your storytelling apron as you recite the rhyme and invite children to guess the characters as you pull them from the pockets.

You can use the Storytelling Apron to play many other guessing games for children. For example, you might want to introduce a new topic or storybook, and do so by hiding a related object in the apron pocket. Give the children hints, and encourage them to figure out what you are hiding. This is a great way to stretch their brains, and a sure attention-getter!

Crafts

Pocket Pictures

After reading *A Pocket for Corduroy* have the children draw a picture of Corduroy or their favorite stuffed animal. Give the children small pieces of fabric to glue onto their pictures to make pockets. Show them how to glue only three sides to create a pocket.

Paper Plate Pocket

Use paper plates, large blunt needles, yarn and a hole punch. Cut one plate in half. Place it over the lower half of the second plate and hold it steady. Help children punch holes in the outer rim of their plates. Then, have them select a piece of colored yarn and help them thread the needle. Tie one end of the yarn to a punched hole. Demonstrate how to sew. Secure the yarn to the plate when the child completes the sewing. In a variation of this activity, attach a piece of yarn to the top or sides of the pocket so the children can tie it around their waist or wear it over their shoulder. Ask the children to find things to put in their pocket.
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