

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

MATH

PRACTICE COUNTING AND ORDINAL NUMBERS WITH THIS FUN RHYME!



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THINK ABOUT . . .

Your child may be learning to count, or it may be time to teach them ordinal numbers, or even subtraction. Whatever stage they're in, this is a fun, Halloween-themed activity you can use to practice! As you go throughout the activity, think about how you can use the LSL strategies of auditory closure and sabotage to check your child's understanding of numbers and ordinal numbers.



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Pumpkins and gate printable
- "Five Little Pumpkins" rhyme
- Scissors

PREPARATION:

- 1- Print out the pumpkins and gate.
- 2- Cut out the pumpkins and the gate into individual pieces.
- 3- Become familiar with the "Five Little Pumpkins" rhyme. (*Optional: print the lyrics to the rhyme to have on-hand for the activity.)

ACTIVITY

- 1- Lay out the pieces on a table with the pumpkins 1-5 (in order) "sitting" on the gate.
- 2- As you say the rhyme (similar to the rhythm and intonation of "Five Little Monkeys"), point to each pumpkin as it "speaks" and move the pieces according to what is happening in the song.
- 3- As you take away each pumpkin, count the pumpkins that are left with your child. Or, depending on their level, talk about how subtraction works – "When we have 5 and we take 1 away, how many do we have left?"
- 4- Continue until you finish the rhyme.

VOCABULARY:

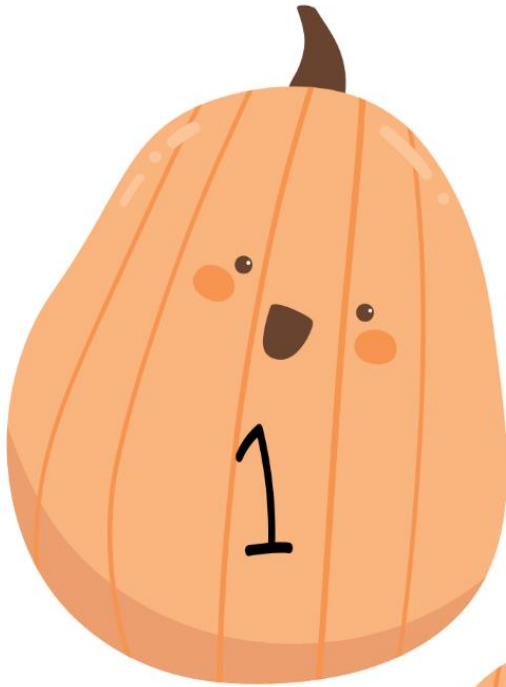
- Five
- Four
- Three
- Two
- One
- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth

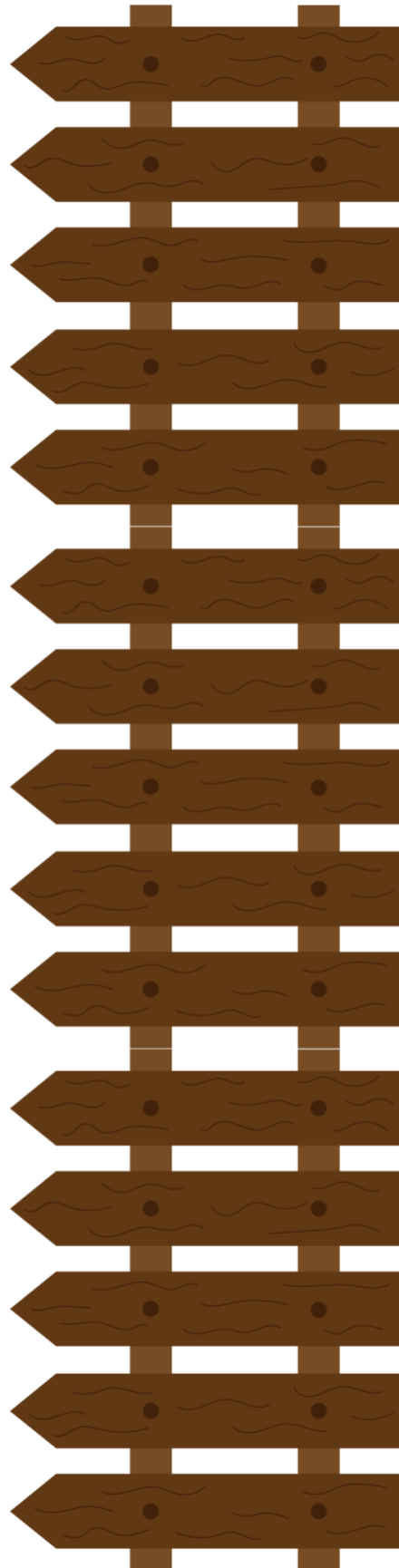
HELPFUL TIPS:

- If your child needs the support, count on your fingers for an added visual aid. Otherwise, avoid counting on your fingers to help your child listen and strengthen their auditory skills.
- Laminate the materials to help them last longer.

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FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS SITTING ON A GATE
THE FIRST ONE SAID, "OH, MY IT'S GETTING LATE"
THE SECOND ONE SAID, "THERE ARE WITCHES IN THE AIR"
THE THIRD ONE SAID, "BUT WE DON'T CARE"
THE FOURTH ONE SAID, "LET'S RUN AND RUN AND RUN"
THE FIFTH ONE SAID, "WE'RE READY FOR SOME FUN"
THEN "OOH" WENT THE WIND AND OUT WENT THE LIGHTS
AND THE FIFTH LITTLE PUMPKIN ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT.

FOUR LITTLE PUMPKINS SITTING ON A GATE
THE FIRST ONE SAID, "OH, MY IT'S GETTING LATE"
THE SECOND ONE SAID, "THERE ARE WITCHES IN THE AIR"
THE THIRD ONE SAID, "BUT WE DON'T CARE"
THE FOURTH ONE SAID, "LET'S RUN AND RUN AND RUN"
THEN "OOH" WENT THE WIND AND OUT WENT THE LIGHTS
AND THE FOURTH LITTLE PUMPKIN ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT.

THREE LITTLE PUMPKINS SITTING ON A GATE
THE FIRST ONE SAID, "OH, MY IT'S GETTING LATE"
THE SECOND ONE SAID, "THERE ARE WITCHES IN THE AIR"
THE THIRD ONE SAID, "BUT WE DON'T CARE"
THEN "OOH" WENT THE WIND AND OUT WENT THE LIGHTS
AND THE THIRD LITTLE PUMPKIN ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT.

TWO LITTLE PUMPKINS SITTING ON A GATE
THE FIRST ONE SAID, "OH, MY IT'S GETTING LATE"
THE SECOND ONE SAID, "THERE ARE WITCHES IN THE AIR"
THEN "OOH" WENT THE WIND AND OUT WENT THE LIGHTS
AND THE SECOND LITTLE PUMPKIN ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT.

ONE LITTLE PUMPKIN SITTING ON A GATE
HE SIGHED AND SAID, "OH, MY IT'S GETTING LATE"
THEN "OOH" WENT THE WIND AND OUT WENT THE LIGHTS
AND THE LAST LITTLE PUMPKIN ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT.