



# Family Fun Activities

## Count Your Blessings

Children love to count as a way of making meaning in their world. In *Count Your Blessings*, BOZ the Bear models fun and engaging ways to remember to be thankful for the many everyday gifts that enhance the lives of young learners.

## Book Extension Activities

### 1. Thankful Boxes

Help children decorate shoe boxes with cut-outs, drawings, or paintings that are meaningful to them. Have each child share things that they are thankful for. Record their responses on small scraps of paper and put them in their box. Boxes may be used during prayer or times of reflection.

### 2. Number Hunt

Draw or create clip art versions of the objects that are used to encourage counting in the *Count Your Blessings* book (1 sun, 2 pillows, 3 apples...10 crickets) writing the matching number on the back of each picture. Children love bringing aspects of stories into their real life activities. Hide the pictures and have the children search for them until they are all found. Use the book as a reference to be sure that the collection is complete.

### 3. What's Missing

Use the same pictures you created for the Number Hunt but only one of each object (1 sun, 1 pillow, 1 apple...1 cricket). Lay each of the 10 pictures on a tray and let children study what is there. Have children cover their eyes (no peeking) while you remove one or two (or more as the game goes on) pictures from the tray. Have the children open their eyes to guess what pictures are missing. As they are successful, compliment children on their problem solving skills. Remind them that God wants them to learn and grow in all ways; especially in their faith in him.

