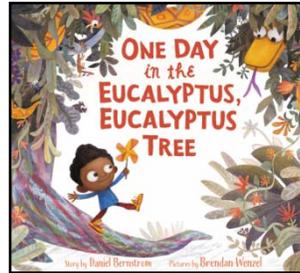
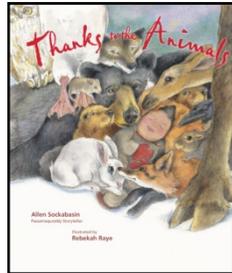
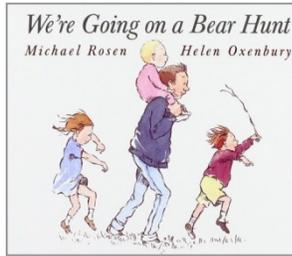


BC SRC 2017: Walk on the Wild Side!
Preschool Program, Theme 7: Tales of Nature
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BOOKS



Zoe and the fawn by Catherine Jamieson (*First Nations, Okanagan (Syilx)*)

A Totem Tale by Deb Vanasse (*First Nations, Alaska*)

How turtle set the animals free illustrated by B. Marchand (*First Nations, Okanagan*)

Thanks to the animals (*First Nations, Passamaquoddy*)

We're going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen

A boy and a jaguar by Alan Rabinowitz

One day in the eucalyptus tree by Daniel Bernstrom

Tap the magic tree by Christie Matheson

Fall is not easy by Marty Kelley

Have you heard the nesting bird? by Rita Gray

Listen to our world by Bill Martin Jr. & Michael Sampson

Oral story

One Night's Sleep in Five minute tales: more stories to read and tell when time is short by Margaret Read MacDonald (*First Nations content; this is a Coast Salish folktale*)

This story can be learned very quickly and can be told with or without the help of a bear puppet and at least one frog puppet, stuffed toys or felt pieces. You can easily do a mini-readers' theatre by having half the group repeat bear's lines and half the group repeat frog's lines.

RHYMES AND SONGS

An owl sat alone on the branch of a tree, (*Use arm as branch; raise thumb for owl*)

And she was as quiet as quiet could be.

'Twas night and her eyes were wide open like this; (*Circle eyes with fingers and look around*)

She looked all around, not a thing did she miss.

Some little birds perched on the branch of the tree, (*Fingers of other hand fly on tree*)

And sat there as quiet as quiet could be.

The solemn old owl said "whoo-who-who,"

And up jumped the birds and away they flew. (*Wave hand away, fluttering fingers behind back*)

Five green and speckled frogs

Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs
Yum yum!
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs
GLUB!GLUB!
(repeat with 4,3,2,1)

Five hoot owls sitting in a tree.

One flew away! How many do you see?
(count down to zero)

Five red strawberries, outside my door.

Bear came and ate one and then there were four.
Four red strawberries, growing near a tree.
Bear came and ate one and then there were three.
Three red strawberries, for you and you and you.
Bear came and ate one and then there were two.
Two red strawberries, sitting in the sun.
Bear came and ate one and then there was one.
One red strawberry, left all alone.
Bear came and ate it and then there were none.

Mister Owl, Mister Owl

In a tree, in a tree
Who-o-o are you looking at?
Who-o-o are you looking at?
Is it me? Is it me?

My roots go down down into the earth

My roots go down down into the earth
My roots go down down into the earth
My roots go down
I am an eagle soaring in the sun
I am an eagle soaring in the sun
I am an eagle soaring in the sun
My roots go down
I am a mama singing to her babe
I am a mama singing to her babe
I am a mama singing to her babe
My roots go down
(make up verses as you go around the room)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbUzB9m7BA> for tune)

Owl's eyes open wide at night

He looks to the left, he looks to the right
He turns his head around and around

And then he makes the most curious sound!
Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!

Row row row your boat

Gently down the stream
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Life is but a dream
Row row row your boat
Gently across the lake
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Life's a piece of cake!
Row row row your boat gently across the sky
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Life's a piece of pie!
Fly fly fly your plane way up in the sky
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Tip your wings and fly
Drive drive drive your car
Up and down the street
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
You're in the driver's seat
Chug chug chug your train
Chugging on the track
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
Our wheels go clickety clack!
Sail sail sail your boat on the ocean blue
Merrily merrily merrily merrily
We are a happy crew!

There's a wide eyed owl

With a pointed nose
Two pointed ears
And claws for toes
He lives way up in the tree
And when he looks at you
He flaps his wings and he says
Whooo! Whooo!

6 buzzing bumblebees

Flying around the hive
One buzzes off and that leaves 5.
5 buzzing bumblebees
Flying near my door,
1 buzzes off and that leaves 4
4 buzzing bumblebees
Flying around a tree,
1 buzzes off and that leaves 3
3 buzzing bumblebees
In the sky so blue
1 buzzes off and that leaves 2
2 buzzing bumblebees

Flying by the sun
1 buzzes off and that leaves 1
1 buzzing bumblebee
Looking for some fun
It buzzes off and that leaves none.

Five little Ladybugs climbing up a door

One Flew away then there were four
Four Little ladybugs sitting on a tree
One flew away then there were three
Three little ladybugs landed on a shoe
One flew away and then there were two
Two little ladybugs looking for some fun
One flew away and then there was one
One little ladybug sitting in the sun
She flew away and then there were none

EXTENTION ACTIVITES

Walking in the Forest

Form a circle, walk around as each verse is said

Walking in the forest and what did I see?

A big brown bear was growling at me! *(turn and growl at person next to you)*

Walking in the forest and what did I see?

A little gray squirrel was swishing its tail at me! *(turn and wiggle bottom)*

Repeat with other animals:

Bunny-hopping

Bird-flapping wings

Owl-hooting

Bear Hunt

Let's go on a bear hunt. *(slap hands together)*

I see a wheat field.

Can't go over it. Let's go through it. *(brush hands together)*

I see a bridge.

Can't go around it. Let's go over it. *(slap hands together)*

I see a lake.

Can't go over it, can't go under it, let's swim. *(arms swimming)*

I see a tree.

Can't go over it, can't go under it, let's go up it. *(climb with arms)*

I don't see any bears, *(look around)*

Let's go down.

I see a swamp.

Can't go over it, can't go under it, let's go through it. *(pull hands up and down slowly)*

I see a cave.

Can't go over it, can't go under it, let's go in. *(slowly slap knees)*

I see two eyes. I see two ears.

I see a nose. I see a mouth.

Yikes! It's a bear!!!

Let's get out of here. *(reverse movements very fast)*

Whew! We're not going on a bear hunt again!

Nature Matching Game

Go to pixabay.com (this is a copyright-free, no attribution needed free photo site)

Look for a variety photographs of trees and other things you see in nature (ponds, birds etc, for example what would you see on a forest walk in BC?). Choose 10 to 20 images.

Cut and paste into a word document (six pictures per page should be about the right size) and print **2 copies** of the document so you have 2 copies of each image

Label each on the front (back stays blank).

Laminate or mactac the sheets if you can and cut pictures into card set.

Play a memory game or even "Go fish" style games to make pairs.

ART ACTIVITIES

Twig Raft

Supplies:

Twigs of various sizes, broken into pieces about 6-8 inches long

Jute or hemp or other thick string, colourful if possible

Felt or other stiff fabric for sail in bright colours

Instructions:

Have each kid pick a handful of twigs and start winding the jute around them to lash them together, then attach two twigs to the bottom of the raft too. (see picture) Make sure each raft is tied together tightly (adults can help with this). Attach one last twig in an upright position for the mast. Cut a sail from colourful felt. Fold the felt in half, punch a hole in the middle, and slide it over the mast. See if your raft floats away! Adapted from:

<http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/kid/nature-inspired-crafts-ideas-for-kids/?slideId=38157>

Paper Roll Birds

Supplies:

Cardboard rolls (bathroom or kitchen paper) cut into various heights

Paint and brushes (or markers) to colour the rolls

Googly eyes

Origami or other patterned paper for wings etc

Yellow cardstock or felt for beaks

Tape

Instructions: press down one opening of each roll to form the bird's head, tape it shut and make sure it stands up without tipping over. Paint or colour with markers. When paint is dry, decorate with fabric, googly eyes and felt pieces.

Adapted from: <http://happyhooligans.ca/adorable-owls/>

Felt story patterns and other downloadable materials

Bear and Frog patterns can be found here

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/books/brownbear/>

Owls

<https://storytimekatie.com/2011/06/03/flannel-friday-five-little-owls/>

Ladybugs

<https://storytimekatie.com/2011/05/27/flannel-friday-pretty-ladybugs/>

We're going on a bear hunt

<https://fallingflannelboards.wordpress.com/2012/03/16/flannel-friday-were-going-on-a-bear-hunt/>

A Totem Tale (book)

<http://totemtale.blogspot.ca/>

Youtube videos

How turtle set the animals free <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFxf-HMdN8g>

Tap the magic tree <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Otnip3-zDus>