Language Arts: Phonics 3-Year-Olds

Letters and Sounds for 3s is a beginning ABC book for three-year-olds. Each new letter is introduced by an animal alphabet friend. This animal friend helps the child recognize the letter and learn the letter's sound.

Letters and Sounds for 3s is also designed to teach early writing skills. Children learn letter formation and practice hand-eye coordination as they trace or glue items to letters.

Added Enrichment

- Lessons featuring 12 themes including circus, farm, rain forest, community helpers, children of the world, zoo
- Games involving parades, animals, playing community helpers, and more (126)

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Phonics Skills Development

- Recognize each letter's shape and sound

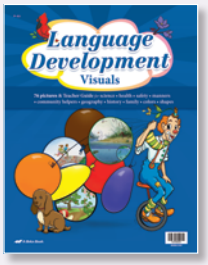
Motor Skills Development

- Practice hand-eye coordination:
  - Trace letter shapes
  - Glue objects on letter shape
  - Work puzzles
  - Fish with magnet on pole
  - Toss a beanbag
  - Identify articles in a bag by touch
  - Zip and unzip an item
  - Play games that include galloping, tightrope walking, bouncing a ball

Creativity Development

- Animal Alphabet Friends (26)
- Recognize letters on picture flashcards
- Practice letter name and sound with Amber Lamb puppet and felt letters
- Learn a song for each letter

Language Arts: Language 2- & 3-Year-Olds



Children love to learn new things. With the *Language Development Visuals,* children develop their language and listening skills as they learn about and discuss God's creation and the people and world around them. Ninety-nine topics include science, health, safety, manners, community helpers, geography, history, family, colors, and shapes.

Added Enrichment

- Corresponding poems in most lessons
- Comprehension questions
- Learning games
- Picture flashcards (76)
- Additional activities
- Animal Alphabet Friends Flashcards (26)

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Language Skills Development

- Develop language and listening skills through 99 topical studies including:
  - Animals and their habitats: ants, arctic animals, bears, butterflies, birds, cats, camels, ducks, dogs, forest animals, hummingbirds, insects, jellyfish, jungle animals, koalas, ladybugs, lambs, mice, ostriches, pandas, rabbits, reptiles, underground animals, woodpeckers
  - Countries around the world: Canada, England, Israel, Japan, Australia, Mexico, The Netherlands, land of Africa
  - Health, safety, manners:
    - God made me, healthy bodies, kitchen safety, manners, neighbors
    - Senses: tasting and smelling, seeing, hearing, touching
    - Table manners
  - Community helpers: doctor, dentist, firefighter, letter carrier, nurse, pastor, police officer, veterinarian
  - Character development: kindness, listening, obeying quickly, being quiet
  - Science: apples, eggs, Edison and light bulb, flowers, garden, magnets, night, jungle, peanuts, pond, rain forest, rubber, sea, spring, fall, summer, winter, vegetables, water, wind and weather, zinnias
  - Miscellaneous topics: rainbow colors, What color is it?, shapes and shape pictures, astronaut, buses and boats, cars, Eskimos, family, farm, games, Here we go!, groceries, house, Indians, jelly, jam, juice, jellybeans, kindergarten, names, olives, opposites, pairs of things, quarter, quilt, reading, telephone, transportation, yarn, zipper, zoo

Motor Skills Development

- Increase motor skills through language-driven activities:
  - Action games such as hide-and-seek, monkey tag, jellyfish tag, and "Simon Says" (50)
  - Finger plays including "Fish for Fish," "My House," and "The Woodpecker's Home" (20)
  - Activities involving play dough, building blocks, finger painting, puzzles, and more (85)
  - Coloring activities (5)
  - Directed drawings (18)

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Creativity Development

- Poems (77)
- Games involving feeding animals, pretending to help at home, finding hidden items, matching pairs, and more (88)
- 237 special activities such as:
  - Having certain foods for snacks
  - Acting out familiar stories
  - Bringing animals to the classroom
  - Having community helpers visit the classroom
  - Taking field trips
- Songs such as "Old MacDonald's Farm" and "Oh, Be Careful" (13)

Language Arts: Poetry 2- & 3-Year-Olds

Fun Poems and Finger Plays, a compilation of more than 120 poems and finger plays, includes many of the traditional poems young children have enjoyed for generations, together with new works in rhyme.

Added Enrichment

- Additional resource poems and finger plays (21)

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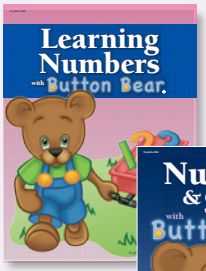
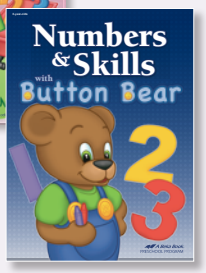
Skills Development

- Memorize poems and finger plays (42)
- Recite in unison
- Develop use of appropriate expression
- Benefit from exposure to basic literature skills such as rhyming words
- Practice motor skills

Numbers 2- & 3-Year-Olds



Learning Numbers with Button Bear is a number-recognition and coloring book especially designed for **two-year-olds.** This text helps children to listen, follow directions, and practice hand-eye coordination as they learn number concepts 1–10.



Numbers and Skills with Button Bear helps **three-year-olds** sharpen their listening skills, follow directions, and practice hand-eye coordination as they learn number concepts 1–15. Children enjoy tracing pathways, doing dot-to-dot, and coloring large, simple forms on these skill sheets.

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Numbers Skills Development

2-Yr.-Olds

- Count from 1–25
- Understand number concepts 1–10:
  - Counting objects
  - Number recognition
  - Proper sequence

3-Yr.-Olds

- Review counting from 1–25
- Count from 26–30
- Review number concepts 1–10
- Understand number concepts 11–15:
  - Counting objects
  - Number recognition
  - Proper sequence

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Motor Skills Development

2-Yr.-Olds

- Jump and clap a given number of times
- March and hop while counting to a given number
- Color given pictures

3-Yr.-Olds

- Break a piñata
- Jump and clap a given number of times
- March and hop while counting to a given number
- Color
- Trace and follow dot-to-dots

Creativity Development

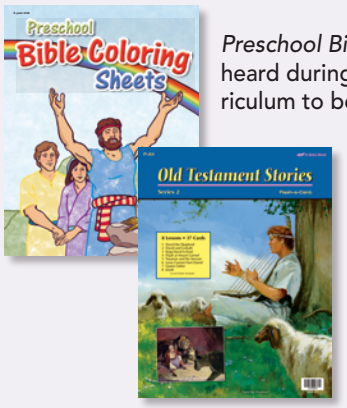
2-Yr.-Olds

- Learn each number using Button Bear puppet
- Count felt objects, paper objects such as acorns, flowers, apples, leaves, points on a caribou's antlers, money pieces, and toy animals
- Apply skills and concepts in activities such as counting animals, picking apples, delivering the mail, and feeding peanuts to an "elephant" (64 games)

3-Yr.-Olds

- Learn each number using Button Bear puppet
- Practice number recognition and concepts with puppet, felt numbers, and objects
- Apply skills and concepts in activities such as placing dots on ladybug, shopping in a grocery store, delivering the mail, building a turtle shell, and gathering eggs (76 games)

Bible 2- & 3-Year-Olds



Preschool Bible Coloring Sheets provide a review for Bible stories that children have heard during Bible time. These 40 coloring sheets are assigned in the Preschool Curriculum to be done during Skills Development time.

Large, colorful *A Beka Book* Flash-a-Cards are designed to hold each child's interest as he learns about God and His Son, Jesus. Selected Old and New Testament lessons are presented using *Old Testament Stories, Series 1 & 2,* and *New Testament Stories, Series 1 & 2.*

Preschoolers will also enjoy learning about the first Thanksgiving, the birth of Christ, and Christ's resurrection while viewing the *Holiday Stories* Flash-a-Cards. At the end of the year, a cumulative review of Bible lessons will help children remember what they have learned.

Evaluation

- Memory verses (not graded)

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Lessons *174 A Beka Flash-a-Cards*

- Old Testament lessons (18):
  - Feature biblical events and people including: Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac (2), Joseph, Moses, Hannah, Samuel, David (3), Elijah, Elisha and Naaman, Daniel, Queen Esther, Jonah
- New Testament lessons (22):
  - Include events in the life of Christ and some of the stories Jesus told such as Jesus' Boyhood, Follow Me, First Miracle, Woman at Well, Nobleman's Son, Fishing with Jesus, Jesus Heals Paralyzed Man, Beside the Pool, Jesus Stills the Storm, Jairus's Daughter, Feeding Five Thousand, Jesus Walks on Water, Blind Bartimaeus, Ten Lepers, Good Samaritan, Lost Lamb, Prodigal Son, Jesus Loves the Children, Rich Young Ruler, Zacchaeus, Friends at Bethany, Heaven
- Holiday lessons (7):
  - Cover the First Thanksgiving, Birth of Jesus, Shepherds See the Savior, Wise Men Worship Jesus, Triumphal Entry and Last Supper, Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection, Jesus Appears Alive and Returns to Heaven

Music *37 songs*

- Choruses, holiday songs, patriotic songs

Memory Work

- Place stickers on verse chart after correctly reciting verse:
  - 2- and 3-yr.-olds: new verses (10 each)
  - 3-yr.-olds: review verses (9)

Prayer Time

- Learn to pray with thanksgiving

Music 2- & 3-Year-Olds

Fun Songs for Little Ones contains 50 songs including both traditional and newer songs young children love. The sing-along CD makes song time easy for the teacher and enjoyable for the children.

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Skills Development *50 songs*

- Reinforce letters and numbers being taught
- Understand message of the song
- Improve coordination by using motions to keep time with words
- Benefit from fun activities that spark and keep interest: making appropriate animal sounds; using hand motions; placing their name in a song

Variety of Songs to Memorize

- Animal songs, motion songs, seasonal songs
- Fun songs about the alphabet, character building, colors, counting, family, and food

Arts & Crafts 2- & 3-Year-Olds

Arts and Crafts with Button Bear has been designed to give **two-year-olds** delightful opportunities to enjoy art as they develop motor skills. The variety of projects, which introduces young children to basic art and craft concepts, correlates with academics, Bible teaching, seasons, and holidays.

Child Art for 2s gives children additional art sheets emphasizing coloring skills.

Added Enrichment

- *Child Art for 2s*: coloring pages that coordinate with themed topics

The colorful projects in *Arts and Crafts with Amber Lamb* give **three-year-olds** delightful opportunities to enjoy art and develop motor skills while they paint, glue, and color projects with seasonal, biblical, and fun themes.

Three-year-olds learn colors and shapes, learn how to follow directions, and develop hand-eye coordination with the projects in *Child Art for 3s*. Pictures have been drawn with wide, colorful lines in simple styles with the preschooler in mind.

Added Enrichment

- *Child Art for 3s*:
  - Coloring pages that coordinate with themed topics
  - Occasional poems to enhance coloring page

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Skills Development

2-Yr.-Olds *51 projects*

- Recognize 8 colors: red, yellow, blue, green, purple, orange, black, brown
- Recognize 4 shapes: square, circle, rectangle, triangle
- Apply proper colors to guided practice activities
- Reinforce Language Development topics
- Coloring, gluing, taping, applying glitter

3-Yr.-Olds *52 projects*

- Review 8 colors and 4 shapes
- Associate groups of objects with colors
- Develop comprehension by answering thinking questions
- Reinforce Language Development topics
- Gluing, coloring
- Folding
- Applying glitter

Technique Development

2-Yr.-Olds

- Coloring in the lines
- Finger painting, sponge painting

3-Yr.-Olds

- Coloring in the lines, gluing, finger painting, sponge painting
- 3-D Objects