

Storytime Takeout

National Picnic Month

August is National Picnic Month! There is no better way than to celebrate with a Teddy Bear Picnic! Here are some ideas to help you create the best picnic ever for you and your furry friends.



Benefits of a Teddy Bear Picnic

Children use:

- Communication & Language Skills
- Manners
- Turn Taking

Imaginative play is extremely beneficial to children. During a Teddy Bear Picnic children will talk with their bears, just chatting and offering food. The importance of using manners can be taught. Along with sharing food and taking turns, they can be reminded to say “please” and “thank you” and reinforce those newly learned skills to their bear friends.

**Check Out These
Picnic Books!**

- *Picnic* by John Burningham
- *Picnic with Piggins* by Jane Yolen
- *The Lost Picnic* by B.B. Cronin
- *Once Upon a Picnic* by John Prater
- *The Best Picnic Ever* by Clare Jarrett
- *Picnic at Mudsock Meadow* by Patricia Polacco
- *The Simple Love a Picnic* by J.C. Phillipps
- *The Most Perfect Spot* by Diane Goode
- *One Hundred Hungry Ants* by Elinor J. Pinczes

Teddy Bear's Picnic Song

If you go out in the woods today
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you go out in the woods today
You'd better go in disguise.

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain, because
Today's the day the teddy bears have their
picnic.

Picnic time for teddy bears,
The little teddy bears are having a lovely time
today.

Watch them, catch them unawares,
And see them picnic on their holiday.
See them gaily dance about.
They love to play and shout.
And never have any cares.

At six o'clock their mommies and daddies
Will take them home to bed
Because they're tired little teddy bears.

Check out the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxFIGWm9M6w>

We're Going on a Picnic

<https://smilinkynstorytime.blogspot.com/2016/09/were-going-on-picnic-fingerplay-and.html>

(Pat your legs as you're saying...)

We're going on a picnic, a picnic, a picnic.
We're going on a picnic, what shall we bring?
How about a dinosaur? No? Then...
How about some berries!

We're going on a picnic, a picnic, a picnic.
We're going on a picnic, what shall we bring?
How about a bathtub? No? Then...
How about a sandwich and fruit!

We're going on a picnic, a picnic, a picnic.
We're going on a picnic, what shall we bring?
How about milk and cereal? No? Then...How
about a pickle!

(Continue on, adding things that do not belong at a picnic and have your child replace them with items that DO belong at a picnic.)

Teddy Bear Ears Craft

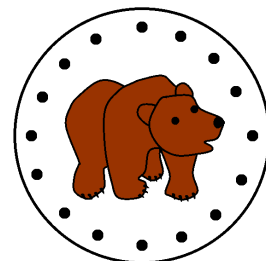


← **Teddy Bear Ear Directions**
can be found here:

<https://www.teatimemonkeys.com/teddy-bear-ears-craft/>

Printable Teddy Bear →
Lacing Card can be found here:

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/t.asp?b=m&t=http://www.makinglearningfun.com/Activities/Bears/BrownBearBrownBear/BBLacingCards/BBLacingCards-BBbear.gif>



← **Paper Plate Teddy Bear**
Directions can be found here:

<https://www.craftymorning.com/paper-plate-bear-craft-kids/>

5 Hungry Ants

<https://sunflowerstorytime.com/2013/04/18/teddy-bears-picnic/>

5 Hungry Ants, marching in a line
They came upon a picnic, where they could dine,
They marched into the salad,
They marched into the cake,
They marched into the pepper,
Uh-Oh! That was a mistake!
AAAAACCCCCHHHHHHOOOOOOOOO!!



Teddy Bear Teddy Bear



Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the sky,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, bend down low,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch your toes,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, go to bed,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, rest your head,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn out the lights,
Teddy bear, teddy bear, say "good night."