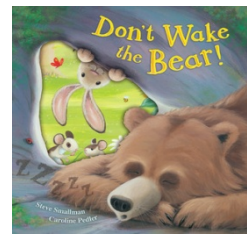




# Don't Wake The Bear!

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This cute story tells a tale about a few animals trying to prepare for a party when they hear some noises coming from inside a tree. When they realize it is a sleeping bear they do everything they can to keep him asleep but when hare has to blow up balloons one pops!

## Before:

Introduce story time by telling the children a little bit about the book. Use the cover to ask questions and gain their attention. "Why do you think they want the bear to stay asleep?" or, "I wonder if the bear is going to wake up?"

## During:

While you are reading, take the time to stop and observe the illustration and create questions. Talk about why the animals don't want to wake the bear and what they are doing while he is sleeping. Point out any "rare words" and help define them in a way that the children will understand best.

### Rare Words in *Don't Wake The Bear*

**Trembling:** to shake involuntarily due to anxiety, excitement or fear

**Enormous:** extremely big

**Crept:** to move slowly and carefully without being noticed or heard

**Hollow:** having a hole or empty space inside

**Saucers:** a shallow dish, typically having a circular indentation in the center, on which a cup is placed

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Where was the bear sleeping?
- Why did they animals want him to stay sleeping?
- Why did the bear wake up?
- What happened when the bear woke up?
- What did the bear give hare for the party?



## Let's Talk About *Don't Wake The Bear*

In the story, *Don't Wake The Bear*, the animals did not want to wake the bear because they were scared of him. In this story the bear was really nice but in reality we should talk some precautions when it comes to bears. Here are some tips:

- Never feed or approach a bear
- Reduce or eliminate odours that may attract bears. Make sure you pack all garbage away from where your staying
- Never run from a bear, make yourself vulnerable and slowly make a wide detour while talking in a low, soft voice if necessary

Remember! A bear is afraid of you, just like you are afraid of him!

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## Bear Snack

### What you need:

Bread  
Banana  
Raisin  
Butter  
Sugar  
Cinnamon



### What you do:

Mix sugar with cinnamon. Toast bread lightly. Spread with butter while hot. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Slice banana and use one slice for the bear's nose. Place raisins for the eyes and one for the black nose. Finish the bear with two banana slices for the ears. Serve and enjoy!

## The Bear Finger Play

*Original Author Unknown*

Here is a cave, *(Ball up hand into a fist.)*  
Inside is a bear. *(Put thumb inside fist.)*  
Now he comes out  
to get some fresh air. *(Pop thumb out of fist.)*

He stays all summer  
In sunshine and heat.  
He hunts in the forest  
for berries to eat. *(Move thumb in circle.)*

When snow starts to fall,  
He hurries inside  
His warm little cave,  
and there he will hide. *(Put thumb back inside fist.)*

Snow covers the cave  
Like a fluffy white rug.  
Inside the bear sleeps  
all cozy and snug. *(Cover fist with other hand.)*

## What's inside the kit



- 5 Little Bears Felt Board
- Finger Puppets
- Teddy Bear Poem
- Teddy Bear Finger Play (need bear)
- Forest Animal Picture Match
- Forest Animal Number Strip
- Forest Animal Letter Clip Cards
- Bear Shape Match
- Bear Colour Sort
- Bear Count With Me Trace
- Bear Colour Match

