

We're Going on a Bear Hunt A Sensory Story

Recommended activity music: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weQi2Es7aCw</u> Recommended Audiobook: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6ykDwds</u>

The activities below will help to create a fun sensory experience with your child as you read through this story at home.

Story	Objects/Activity
We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day! We're not scared	With your <u>hands, a pan, a drum or spoons</u> tap to the rhythm of the song
Uh-uh! Grass! Long wavy grass. We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy!	Move string, ribbon or grass from your garden along your child's legs and up to their knees.
Uh-uh! A river! A deep cold river. We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it! Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh!	Use water spray to wet your child's feet or hands.
Uh-uh! Mud! Thick oozy mud. We can't go over it, We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch! Squelch squerch!	Explore jelly or play-dough .
Uh-uh! A forest! A big dark forest. We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it! Stumble trip! Stumble trip! Stumble trip!	You can use a tray of <u>leaves and sticks</u> to explore or drape <u>curtain or net fabric</u> from above, so you can move through and feel the textures, as you travel through the 'forest'.
Uh-uh! A snowstorm! A swirling whirling snowstorm. We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go through it! Hooo wooo! Hooo wooo! Hooo wooo!	Explore <u>ice or ice packs</u> to feel the cold. If your child doesn't like the ice packs you can use <u>cotton</u> <u>wool balls</u> as snow to feel and explore.
Uh-uh! A cave! A narrow gloomy cave. We can't go over it. We can't go under it. We've got to go through it! Tiptoe! Tiptoe! Tiptoe!	Darken the room and use torches to look around and track the light - moving it from one side to the other.
WHAT'S THAT! One shiny wet nose! Two big furry ears! Two big goggly eyes! IT'S A BEAR!	All shout out "ROAR!" and use your <u>hands, a pan, a</u> <u>drum or spoons</u> tap to the rhythm of running away! You can then do the activities in reverse as they make their way home.