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THANKYOU!

A NOTE FROM BETTER BEGINNINGS
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Providers,

To those centers still open, **We want to say THANK YOU.**

You are bringing **comfort** to families, which is vital in times like these. By keeping essential workers like nurses, doctors and first-responders at work, **your role is crucial.**

We also know circumstances have caused many of you to close. This means you're missing your kids, and we know they are feeling the same about you! **We encourage you to stay connected to your client families during this time.**

Remind them you are still here for them.

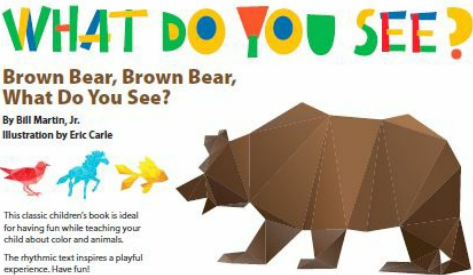
Consider sharing a weekly resource with your parents and families. Our [Family Resource Library](#) makes this pretty simple! We have [science](#) lessons that work inside or [outside](#), [math](#) resources that take baking to the next level and even art resources to enhance [story time](#).

Whether you are open or closed, it's no doubt the impact of COVID-19 is felt throughout the entire [Better Beginnings](#) community. Hang in there, **we are in this with you.**

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SHARE THIS LITERACY RESOURCE WITH CLIENT FAMILIES!
BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?



WHAT DO YOU SEE?
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
By Bill Martin, Jr.
Illustration by Eric Carle

This classic children's book is ideal for having fun while teaching your child about color and animals. The rhythmic text inspires a playful experience. Have fun!

As you read:

- Sing the words to a familiar tune like Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- Pause to talk about the animals
- Make animal sounds before reading the animal's response to "what do you see?"

What do YOU see?

- Reread the book asking questions, such as: "What animal is that? What sound does this animal make? Where do you usually see this animal?"

Rereading the book, asking questions and playing helps your child's memory develop.

Extend the learning and the fun

Brown Bear, Brown Bear illustrator Eric Carle is famous for his hand-cut and layered paper collage book illustrations. Help your child make his own collage or potato print work of art. **These projects are recommended for children age three or older.**

What your child learns:

Creating something with your child helps him know how important he is to you. Plus, the more fun you have, the easier it is for your child to learn and remember.

In the activities that follow, there are opportunities for developing concepts of literacy, math and science.

Art helps children learn about order and quantities. It helps them develop fine motor skills and eye coordination, awareness of sizes, classifying and recognizing when things are the same or different.

See the next page to let the art begin! →

Get more fun book activities in Bring Books to Life from our Family Resource Library.

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This is a fun, classic story. Encourage parents and families to get more out of the story by **acting out the animals** as they read. Also included are some fun **art activities** to help bring the story to life!

This resource can be found in the **literacy** section of our **Family Resource Library**.

Find more shareable resources in our Family Resource Library!



CARING FOR YOUR CHILD THROUGH COVID-19

Share this resource from the **CDC** to teach parents and families how to talk germ prevention at home.



COPING WITH STRESS THROUGH COVID-19

Share this resource from the **CDC** to teach parents and families how to help their child cope with the stress of COVID-19.

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