

This is an example of a story you could share with your child, along with some prop ideas. Please don't worry if you don't have the same items we've suggested, there are lots of things around the house you could use instead!



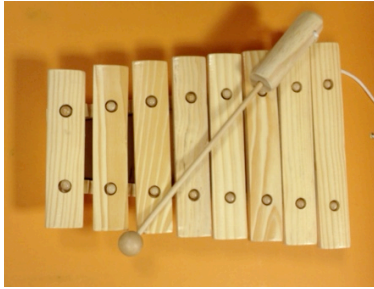
We're Going on a Bear Hunt



We're going on a bear hunt.
We're going to catch a big one.
What a beautiful day!

We're not scared. (Repeat before each new part)

Text	Suggested Prop	Action
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!		Say: 'Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Swishy swashy! Shake the 'grass' Gesture: hand over, hand under the 'grass'. Shake the grass and pass hand through it. Let each child shake the 'grass'.
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!		Say: 'Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Splash splosh! Spray each child's hand (or that of parent if child is uncomfortable)
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!		Say: 'squelch squerch, squelch squerch, squelch squerch! Squeeze the whoopee cushion near to child, slow movements as though wading through sticky mud.

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!		Say: 'Stumble trip! Stumble trip! Stumble trip!' Run the stick up the xylophone in time to 'stumble' and hit it in time to 'trip' on each repetition.
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!		Say: 'Hooooo wooo! Hooooo wooo! Hooooo wooo!'
Uh-uh! A cave a narrow gloomy cave. We can't go over it. We can't go under it		Say: Tiptoe! Tiptoe! Tip toe! Shhh Finger on lips and look under blanket
What's that? One shiny wet nose! Two furry ears! Two big goggly eyes!		Point to nose, eyes ,ears Say: IT'S A BEAR!!!!!!!
Quick run back home!! Up the stairs!		Drum quickly with hands or feet on the floor.
Shut the door. We're not going on a bear hunt again!!!		Make a Loud bang with hand on a hard surface e.g table. Shake head and gesture NO firmly