



Helping Your Pre-schooler Thrive

This Week's Lesson: A Chair for My Mother

What You'll Need

- A phone with internet (if you do not have this, skip to 'Alternative Instructions')
- Counting bears/blocks, coins, or other small object for counting

What to Do

- Read or watch "A Chair for My Mother" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhhqum2j1LE>)
- In the story, the characters are saving up for a new chair. To make sure they have enough money for the chair, they must count their coins every day. Explain to your child that counting is an important part of every day life.
- Using coins (or counting bears/blocks, or another collection of small objects) practice counting. First count to five, then ten, then twenty.

Alternative Instructions

(if you don't have a phone to watch the story, or a copy of the book on-hand)

- Explain to your child that counting is an important part of every day life.
- Talk together about ways counting can be used: for example, money, cooking, and telling time.
- Using coins (or counting bears/blocks, or another collection of small objects) practice counting with your child. First count to five, then ten, then twenty.

Keep It Going

- Practice counting every day. You can use the same objects from the lesson, or count other objects (like cars in a parking lot.) Practice counting larger and larger amounts.