

Counting Hearts Game

This simple heart game can be used in a variety of different ways based on the age/ level of your child. Below are a few ideas, but feel free to make up your own games as well!

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Directions For Use:

2 year olds – Count hearts out loud, together, placing your child's finger on each heart as you count. This teaches them not only eye/ hand coordination, but how to read left to right, and counting in order.

3 year olds – Same as above, then let your child count the hearts by themselves. Ask them to show you how many hearts there are by holding up that many fingers. Your child will be more than excited to count the hearts by themselves, so be sure to praise their efforts!

Another option: Say the answer is 3 hearts. You hold up 2 fingers and ask if this is the correct number of hearts. It's pretty likely you will receive a 'no' with a little laugh too. Be silly, have fun – and agree that this is not the right number, laughing along with them. Do this until they DO say you have the correct number of fingers up.

4 year olds – Same as above. Have them write the correct number on each heart. If your hearts are too dark, they can write the number underneath.

Then see if they are able to count ALL of the hearts on the entire page. ☺

You can also print off a second sheet of hearts, and write number the hearts correctly. Then have your child match the numbers on each set of hearts together. For advanced learners, you can write the numbers on one set and the number words on the other.

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