



A Bear Sat on My Porch Today
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Available on Hoopla and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtvL2qsciGY>)

Extension Activities:

1. Make masks to fit in with Raccoon. You can use paper plates, old socks, bandannas, or anything else you can think of! Don't forget to decorate your mask!
2. Play sardines. Like reverse hide and seek, one person hides and as the other players find them, they join them in their hiding spot until everyone is packed into the same space, like all those animals packed on the porch!
3. Have a porch party with your family--play some games, sing and dance to some songs, and eat some delicious food together!
4. Make some friendly signs to hang on your porch or in your front windows to encourage your neighbors.
5. Talk about when you like being with people and when you'd rather be alone. How can you respectfully communicate that to other people? How might you be able to tell if someone else would rather be alone? Do you like fixing problems by yourself or asking for help? What are some good and bad things about both?