



## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Teddy Bear's Picnic

**Intro:** Any day is a good day to have a Picnic with your Teddy Bear. So bring your Teddy Bear to Playgroup and have your very own Teddy Bear's Picnic with all of your Playgroup friends.

**Craft activity:** Teddy Bear Tear

**Children will need:** Coloured paper or tissue paper, A4 paper, glue, black texta.



### Instructions:

Let the children tear strips of the paper/tissue paper and help them to glue the strips into a Teddy Bear shape. Assist children to draw on the Teddy Bear's face.

**Extension Idea:** If you have any other materials/textures, add them to your Teddy Bear Tear for a more textural finish. For younger children, you may need to draw the Teddy Bear shape onto the A4 paper first or use the attached template to glue tissue paper onto. Visit the zoo to see how many types of bears there are.

**Fact:** There is an International Teddy Bears Picnic Day – July 10th.



**Learning Outcome 4:** Children are confident and involved learners.

## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Teddy Threading

**You will need:** Teddy Bear template (attached), coloured card or paper, laminate sheets, ribbon or shoe laces. Print off the Teddy shapes, laminate them, once laminated punch holes around the Teddy. Print as many as you would like.

**Instructions:** Place the Teddy shapes, shoe lace and/or ribbons, and let the children use their fine motor skills to thread the Teddy.

### Outside Activity:

Children to take the bears outside and the Playgroup coordinator or parent/carer ask the children "Where's Bear? Have the children follow instructions as to where to place their bear eg Up in the sky, next to a tree, in the sandpit, on the grass etc. This encourages children's spatial awareness, directionality and concepts..

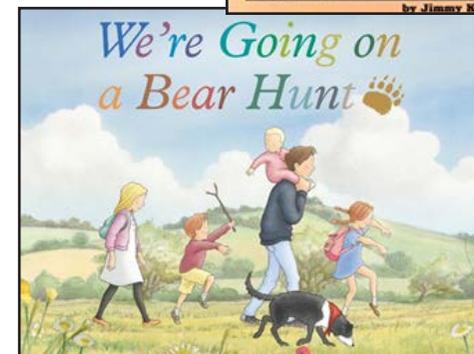
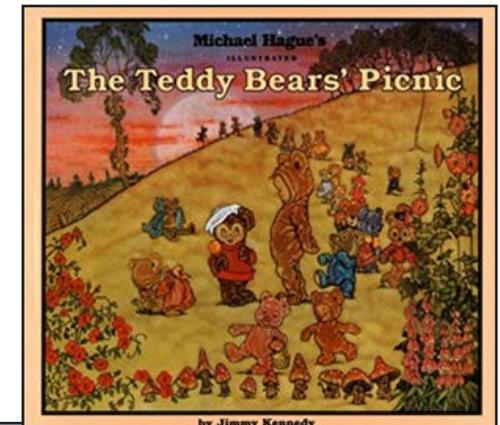
### Group time ideas:

Have your own Playgroup Teddy Bears Picnic, maybe at fruit time. Set out some rugs, have everyone sit down with their Teddy Bears and enjoy some fun as a group.

Sing songs such as Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, or Rock-a-bye your Bear.

Encourage children to show and talk about their bears. Read *We're going on a Bear Hunt* and get children to follow the actions.

Play Bear Freeze game. Put some music on and encourage children to walk in a circle pretending they are bears. When the music stops, the children freeze.



### Book Suggestions:

*We're going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

*The Teddy Bear's Picnic* by Jimmy Kennedy

