



Just for Fun



Now that you and your child have read the story, enjoy one or more of the following activities. Remember, it's also OK to read the story again and again!

Curious George's First Day of School

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Activities

- Count fingers and toes with your child by 5's and by 10's. How many fingers live in your house? How many toes?
- Make a snack, "Ants on a Log." Ingredients: celery, peanut butter, and raisins. Instructions: 1) With your child, read the recipe and gather the ingredients. 2) Slice the celery into three-inch pieces for your child. 3) Have your child spread peanut butter along the groove of the celery—this is the log. 4) Have your child add raisins—these are the ants. Now your child has a well-balanced snack, just like Curious George. Yummy! (A tip: Cream cheese can be substituted for peanut butter if you or your child is allergic to nuts. Dried cranberries can be substituted for the raisins if your child would like fire ants instead!) [Activity from inside back cover of book.]
- Encourage your child to mix colors of paint to see what he or she gets. You will need: yellow, red, and blue paint; a paint brush; newspaper; and thick white paper. Instructions: 1) Cover your child's work area with several layers of newspaper. 2) Give your child some kind of smock to protect his or her clothes. 3) Have your child combine the different colors of paint on a white sheet of paper to discover which colors can be made. (NOTE: Food coloring can also be used to mix colors if you do not have paint.) [Activity from back cover of book.]

Read More About It!

If you and your child enjoyed this book, look at these related titles at your local library or bookstore: *Curious George Learns the Alphabet* (Curious George, Level 1) by H.A. Rey, *It's Back to School We Go!* by Ellen Jackson, *Miss Mingo and the First Day of School* by Jamie Harper, *My First Day of School* by Nancy Skarmeas, *Sumi's First Day of School Ever* by Soyung Pak, *Guri and Gura's Spring Cleaning* by Rieko Nakagawa and Yuriko Yamawaki, and *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh.

