

## 1, 2, 3 to the Zoo

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#### **Before:**

- Look at the cover of the book, read the title and name of the author. Talk about what you see.
- Explore the book by turning the pages and talking about the pictures.

#### **During:**

- As you read the pages name the objects or animals and then the number. For example: engine, one engine; birds, ten birds.
- Count the animals by pointing and touching each one while having your child count with you.
- Make a train noise or animal sounds and act out their motions.
- Count the number of cars on the train at the bottom of each page.

#### **After:**

- Go back through the book and find the little mouse on each page.
- Count the objects in the child's environment.
- Count the steps as you walk up and down.
- Unfold the back cover to see the animals play at the zoo. Practice counting.

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