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I Can Only Draw Worms
By Will Mabbitt

Related Books:
Scribble Stones by Diane Alber
The Game of Finger Worms by Herve Tullet
The Worm by Elise Gravel
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
Worm Weather by Jean Taft
I’m NOT Just A Scribble... by Diane Alber
It’s a Good Thing There Are Earthworms by Jodie Shepherd
Earthworms by Lisa Amstutz
My First I Can Draw by Thomas Nelson
Step By Step How To Draw For Kids Book 1: Learning how to draw for kids ages 3-10 and beginners by Erich van Dam
Help! I Can’t Draw! How to Draw Activity Book by Jupiter Kids

Action Rhyme:

Wiggly Worm
Underneath a stone where the soil was firm (one hand makes a fist “stone”) I found a wiggly, wiggly worm. (tap the fist stone to reveal a wriggling finger from the other hand) “Good morning!” I said, and “How are you today?” (talk to wiggly worm) But the wiggly worm just wriggled away. (finger wiggles behind back)

Wiggle Worm
I wiggle worm my fingers (wiggle fingers) I wiggle worm my toes (wiggle toes) I wiggle worm my shoulders (wiggle shoulders) I wiggle worm my nose (wiggle nose) Now no more wiggles are left in me, So I can sit as still as can be. (if standing, sit back down, or just be still)
Wiggle Those Worms
Pretend you have five worms on one hand. They are in a box (your other hand) because they lost all their wiggles.

Here are some worms who are, oh, so sad. They've lost all the wiggles that they once had. They wonder if you, just for today, would lend them your wiggles so they can play.

Wiggle them up and wiggle them down
Wiggle the worms around and around
Wiggle them high and wiggle them low
Wiggle them fast and wiggle them slow
Wiggle them over your shoes and your socks
Then wiggle them back into their box.

Songs:

Did You Ever See A Wiggle Worm
(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie)
Did you ever see a wiggle worm
A wiggle worm, a wiggle worm.
Did you ever see a wiggle worm
Go this way and that?
Go this way and that way
And this way and that way.
Did you ever see a wiggle worm
Go this way and that?

Little Wiggle Worm
(Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")
I'm a little wiggle worm,
Watch me go!
I can wiggle fast,
Or very very slow.
I wiggle all around,
Then back I go,
Down into the ground
To the home I know.
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Wiggle Worm
(Tune: Jingle Bells)

Wiggle worm, wiggle worm (start wiggling)
Wiggle your way down (wiggle down)
In the soil so deep and dark (keep wiggling)
You wiggle underground.

Wiggle worm, wiggle worm
Wiggle your way up (wiggle up to a standing position)
To the surface you must go (keep wiggling and point up)
It’s raining way too much! (Fingers wiggle down rain)

Activities:
Petting Zoo: Welcome earthworms into your story time! Let the children touch them, while teaching them to appreciate how necessary they are to planting and growing things. Be gentle, of course!

Tissue Paper Worms: Cut out 6-inch squares of pink tissue paper and roll them around a piece of straw, one by one, very loosely. Wet each one slightly to make it stick. When you have a worm-shaped creature, place the straw upright on the table and press down to remove the straw. Drop a few droplets of water onto your worm to watch it grow and wiggle.

Create dirt and worm paintings: http://choices4children.blogspot.com/2013/05/dirt-and-worm-paintings.html

Be a worm!: Have children try crawling on the ground like a worm, without using their arms or legs. Talk about how easy or hard it is to crawl like a worm.

Paint with worms!: Cut pieces of yarn to look like worms. Have the children dip them in paint and “paint” with the worms on a piece of paper. Example: http://lessonslearntjournal.com/squishy-worm-painting/#_a5y_p=1435050

Create a worm sensory bin for a fun sensory play experience! You can make this as messy or not messy as you want. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest if you search “worm sensory bin”. Here’s one: https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/wiggly-worm-sensory-play.html

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