MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

I Want a Dog
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Related Books:

Spencer’s New Pet by Jessie Sima
The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder
I Found a Kitty by Troy Cummings
Can I Be Your Dog by Troy Cummings
Some Pets by Angela DiTerlizzi; illustrated by Brendan Wenzel
What Pet Should I Get? by Dr. Seuss
Not Norman by Kelly Bennett; illustrated by Noah Z. Jones
I Am a Wolf by Kelly Leigh Miller
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! by Mo Willems
I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufman Orloff; illustrated by David Catrow
Lola Gets a Cat by Anna McQuinn; illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw

Rhymes:

“Puppy Dog, Puppy Dog”

Puppy dog, puppy dog turn around
Puppy dog, puppy dog jump up and down
Puppy dog, puppy dog reach up high
Puppy dog, puppy dog tickle the sky
Puppy dog, puppy dog tap your nose
Puppy dog, puppy dog tap your toes
Puppy dog, puppy dog pat your knees
Puppy dog, puppy dog sit down please

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Songs:

“Ten Little Dogs Went Out One Day”

Ten little dogs went out one day (hold up your ten fingers)
To dig in the dirt and play play play! (pretend to dig)
Five were spotted and five were not (raise up one hand at a time)
And at supper time the doggies they ate a lot! (pretend to eat)

“Oh, I’ve Got a Little Precious Puppy Dog”
(Tune: “She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain“)

Oh, I’ve got a little precious puppy dog WOOF! WOOF!
Oh, I’ve got a little precious puppy dog WOOF! WOOF!
Oh, I’ve got a precious puppy, yes I have a precious puppy
Oh, I’ve got a little precious puppy dog WOOF! WOOF!

Oh, he always comes to meet me when I call HERE BOY!
Oh, he always comes to meet me when I call HERE BOY!
Oh, he always comes to meet me, yes he always comes to meet me
Oh, he always comes to meet me when I call HERE BOY!

*add other lines like:
Oh, I feed him crunchy kibbel every day CRUNCH CRUNCH!
Oh, he is smart and he knows so many tricks SIT STAY!

Activities:

Lunch Bag Pets – Get artsy with your child! Using brown paper lunch bags, encourage them to create their favorite pet. Let their creativity run wild. Their pet could be a real, living animal, or perhaps something from their vivid imaginations. Using fine motor skills, they can safely draw and cut out facial features (ie. eyes, nose, ears, etc.). You can also host a scavenger hunt where they search for and use found items (this can be done in a classroom or at home) to decorate their Lunch Bag Pet. Be sure to make it personal and ask the child(ren) to name their pet!
Materials needed: paper lunch bags, scissors, paper, markers/crayons, and glue.
And When They Woke Up...

This a fun and engaging movement activity that is sure to get your wild child(ren) moving! All that’s needed is your voice, a light switch, and your imaginations. You begin with the lights off and by instructing the participants to sleep by singing: *sleeping...sleeping...all of the children were sleeping...*

Then the fun begins! You say: *and when they woke up...they were...Elephants!* Then you turn on the lights and encourage your child(ren) to perform specific actions based on the animal that is chosen. So, for example, with the elephant, everyone would stomp, and you would keep them engaged by rhythmically repeating the action: *stomp--stomp--stomp stomp stomp, stomp--stomp--stomp stomp stomp stomp...*

Then, once again, turn off the lights and repeat calmly: *sleeping...sleeping...all of the children were sleeping...* Your child(ren) lay down in place and pretend to sleep, making funny snoring sounds, as they await the next animal that they get to impersonate. It could be a hopping frog, a galloping horse, slithering snake...the possibilities are endless, the fun is guaranteed. Just let them know with: *and when they woke up...they were...*