Read *Bear and Hare Share!* by Emily Gravett. Use different voices for Bear and Hare. Children will love it!

Ask children to draw a picture of something they would share. Write the word below the picture so children can see that words have meaning.

Talk about sharing. Ask an open-ended question like, “Who would you share your ice cream with?” to encourage conversation.

Sing “The Bear Went Over the Mountain.” Singing with children helps them hear the smaller sounds in words because there is a different note for each syllable.

Play a counting game. Write a number on a beehive and have children count bees and place on the hive.

*Early literacy practice for children ages 2-3.*

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