

# **Hunt for It: At Home**

**Counting Practice** 

## From the Developing Number Concepts Series by Kathy Richardson

#### Goals:

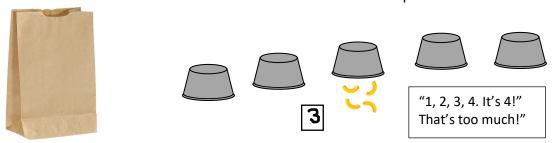
- Finds a set of objects to match a selected numeral
- Counts up to 10 or 12 objects to find out "How many?"
- Counts each object in a set once and only once
- Uses the correct counting sequence while counting objects
- Tells whether a set of objects is more, less or the same as the selected number

#### **Materials:**

- Objects to count: such as, Legos, pennies, macaroni, buttons, etc.
- Bowls or tubs (5 or 6)
- Numeral cards that match the hidden sets
- Paper bag to hold the numeral cards

#### **Procedures:**

- 1. Hide various sets of counters under five bowls
- 2. The child selects a numeral card to see which number of counters to hunt for.
- 3. The child hunts for the number of counters that match the number on the card (If the children cannot read the number, say it for them.)
- 4. The child lifts one tub at a time and counts to see whether they have uncovered the number named.
- 5. After looking under each tub the child tells if they found the right one or not. If not, he/she tells whether the set has more or less than the number on the die or spinner.



### What to watch for:

- Does the child use the correct counting sequence?
- Does the child count each object once and only once?
- Does the child have a way of keeping track of which objects were counted and which were not?
- Does the child check and recheck?
- Does the child remember how many were counted?
- Does the child instantly know a small group?

#### **Extensions:**

Use small objects like pinto beans to practice counting numbers up to 20

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