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## **Activities**

Where is Bear? Fingerplay (Tune of: Thumbkin)

Where is bear? Where is bear? (Start with both hands behind your back)
Here I am! Here I am! (Bring out left, then right thumbs)

How are you this winter? (Nod left thumb.)

Very tired, thank you. (Nod right thumb.)

Go to sleep. Go to sleep. (Put left, then right thumbs behind your back.)

Have kids say "Wake up, bear!" and sing again.

## Animals in Winter

## **Stories**

**Bear Has a Story to Tell** by Phillip Stead

**The Hat** by Jan Brett

A Loud Winter's Nap by Katy Hudson

**Over and Under the Snow** by Kate Messner

**Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit** by Il Sung Na

**Under the Snow** by Melissa Stewart

When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan

## Early Literacy Tip

Encourage your child to practice fine motor skills with fun activities like fingerplays (**Where is Bear?**), playing with playdough, squishing bubbles, or finger painting. These are all great ways to help prepare your child for writing.





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