

Title: [Bear Snores On](#)

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Themes: Bears, winter, hibernation, stories in rhyme, forest animals, potluck parties

Vocabulary: lair, dank,

Annotation: Some animals stop by Bear's cave to warm up from the cold, but even after they've brewed tea and popped corn, Bear snores on. What will Bear do when he wakes up to find his cave full of uninvited guests having a party without him?

See examples of this book read loud here: [Bear Snores On](#), [Bear Snores On 2](#)

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

I. STORYTIME

a. Discussion Questions

- What does it sound like to snore?
- Why do you think the other animals are coming into bear's den? (to get warm, to eat)

b. Other

- Pause to let children fill in the repeated phrase "and bear snored on"
- Make snoring sounds after each time the phrase "bear snores on" is repeated.
- Exaggerate sounds from the book (sneezing, squeaking, howling wind, whimpering, sighing, roaring). Invite kids to mimic sounds with you.
- Point to the specific animals as they are introduced.
- Pantomime actions from the story: chewing, freezing (when bear awakens)
- Recall: after reading, ask children if they can remember the kinds of animals that came into bear's cave.
- Discuss *hibernation* (when animals sleep through the winter). Do you think you could sleep for months at a time?

c. Related Songs, Rhymes, & Finger Plays **Brown Bear's Snoring**

Brown bear's snoring,
Brown bear's snoring in his winter sleep
Brown bear's snoring, brown bear's snoring in his winter sleep
But snow and ice are melting, icicles are dropping
Brown bear's ears are listening and his eyes begin to peep.

II. EXTENDED ACTIVITIES ([source](#))

- **Imaginary Potluck:** If you think about it the whole book [Bear Snores On](#) is an impromptu potluck! I love potlucks so maybe that was a subconscious theme. For a fun activity have an "imaginary" potluck. Give each child a paper plate and pass around some food magazines. Let each child cut out the foods they would bring to a "potluck" and glue it to the plate. Select a spot in the classroom for the "potluck" party and have the children come with their dishes and put them on the table. Then let the pretending begin! For *Bear Wants More* you can do the same basic activity but make it a planned surprise party instead.

- **Bear Seasons:** Here is a fun learning [activity](#) where students can draw different items for each season.
- **Bear Mask/Puppet:** Use the template below to create bear masks that we children can wear while acting out the story. Alternatively, color in the eyes of the template and attached to a paper bag to create a bear puppet!

III. AT HOME

IV. TEMPLATES

Bear Colour In

Colour in this scene from Bear Snores On

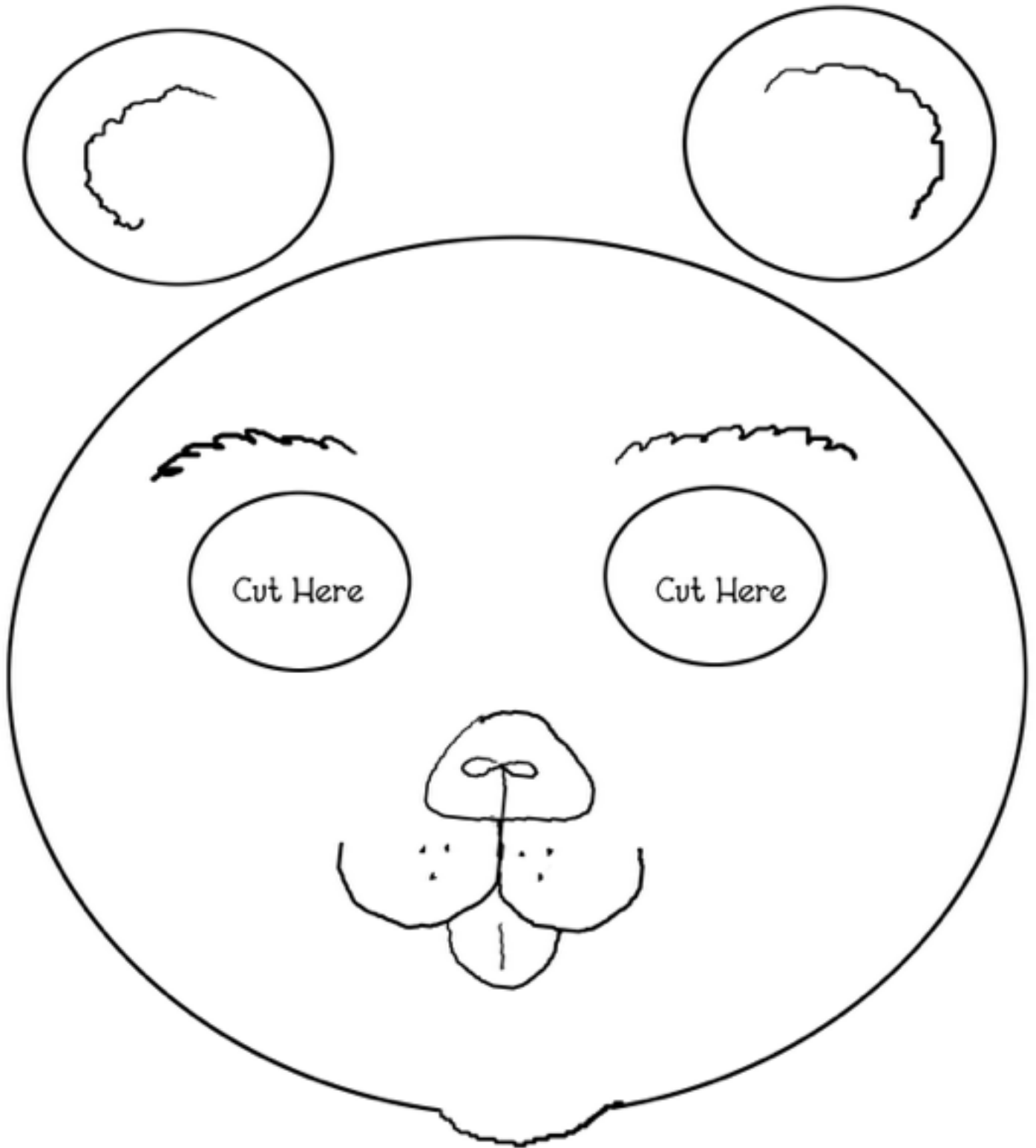


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Bear Mask



Directions: Print mask on heavy cardstock. Cut out mask and ears. Glue ears on top of mask. Cut out eye holes. Color mask. Glue popsicle stick to bottom of mask, or tie strings to the side of the mask.