Ten on the Sled
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Literacy Activity

Below are pictures of the animals from the story. All of the animals started out on the sled and as they slide down the hill, the animals fall off, one by one!

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Questions to ask:
- Which animal fell off first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth?
- Who stayed on the sled?
- What happened to the animals after they fell off the sled?

Dramatic Play or Music Activity
"Bumping Up and Down in My Little Blue Sled"

Bumping up and down in my little blue sled.
Bumping up and down in my little blue sled.
Bumping up and down in my little blue sled.
Won't you be my darling.

Snows coming down on my little blue sled.
Snows coming down on my little blue sled.
Snows coming down on my little blue sled.
Won't you be my darling.

Waving to my friends on my little blue sled.
Waving to my friends on my little blue sled.
Waving to my friends on my little blue sled.
Won't you be my darling.

Make a sled from a laundry basket. Let your child use stuffed animals to pretend they are riding in a sled like the animals in the book. Sing the song with them and enjoy.

Math Activity

Have your child count the animals in each row starting with row 1. Next, look at the animals in the 10th row. Ask your child what animal is missing in row 9. Tell them that if you take away 1 from 10 you get 9. Continue with each row until you reach the first row.

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Science Activity
How Do Animals Stay Warm in the Winter?

Many Artic animals have very thick fur to keep them warm. Arctic animals that swim in the ocean have a thick layer of blubber under their fur to keep them warm. What is blubber? Fat! Try this experiment at home with your child. You only need a few items to help your child explore what it feels like to be insulated in "blubber" and submerged in ice water.

You Will Need:
- large bowl
- ice
- cold water
- 4 Ziploc bags (sandwich or bigger)
- vegetable shortening

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