BUNNY ON THE BEACH

It's summer and the bunny in this book is heading for the beach. Even if you don't live close to the sand, you can always pretend in the backyard!

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Pages: 10

Ages: 9 months and up

Themes: Finger dexterity (turning pages); color and object recognition;

This book has a great way of encouraging your child to talk about what's happening on each page. You even have the opportunity to read this book in a couple of different ways. You can start off by reading just the top of each page and then talk about what's going on.....what color are the sunglasses on this page?'. After you've read the book once, you can go back and read the top of the page and then go on to read the bottom, which asks your child questions about what's going on. Each time you read this book you'll probably find that some new point of interest will come up.

If you don't have a beach nearby, set up a pretend one in the backyard or in the living room. Lay out towels on the ground or floor, wear your shorts or swimsuits (plus a pair of sunglasses to really look the part) and have a picnic packed in a basket or big brown sack. If you're in the house, put some water in the bathtub and practice floating! Pretending can be just as much fun as the real thing!