ONE MONKEY TOO MANY

Play is the order of the day for a group of vacationing monkeys determined not to let any silly rules get in their way. But when one monkey too many joins the crowd, everyone's in for some hilarious surprises.

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As we work hard to teach our children to cooperate and be good listeners, sometimes we just need to be silly and have some fun.

In this story there may be some words that your child may not be familiar with. These may be the fun words to do some extra rhyming with. By talking about them, they'll be building their vocabulary!

Example: Canoe – a shoe; some glue

Rude - dude; glued

Sputter – butter; gutter

Throughout this whole book, the author talks about "one more" monkey. You can do a little math along with this idea. If the bike is made for one monkey and you add one more......how many does that make? 1 + 1 = 2.

Even though this book makes these monkeys look like it's so much fun to be rowdy, you may want to let your child know that it's still important to listen and follow the rules of the house. You could let your child talk loudly or clap their hands and stomp their feet for a few seconds. Then give the signal to stop. (It's important to agree on the signal before you begin.) This small activity helps to develop your child's listening skills and the ability to stop doing something when asked.