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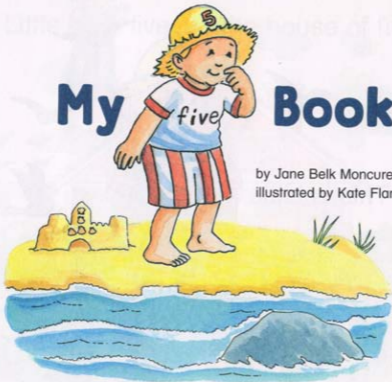
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This is Little five .

Little Five lives in the house of five.



It has five rooms. Count them.

Every day Little



goes for a walk.



One day he goes into his garden.  
He finds some carrots. How many?



As he pulls up the carrots,  
five rabbits hop by.



He gives each rabbit a carrot.

The rabbits eat the carrots.  
Then they say, "Let's play tag."

Little **5** plays with them. "I will  
catch you," he says.



“No!” say the rabbits. They hop down a rabbit hole. How many are left?



The sun is hot. Little Five is hot, too.



“I know how to get cool,” he says.  
He hops five hops to the beach.

Then he takes off two shoes,




two socks



and one pair  
of overalls.

How many things does he take off?

Then Little  makes a sand castle and puts shells on it. How many?




Just then some little crabs run by. How many?

"I will catch you," says Little  
But he slips in the sand.



Some crabs hide in the sand castle.  
How many are left?

Little  goes wading.



He sees one sea star on a rock.

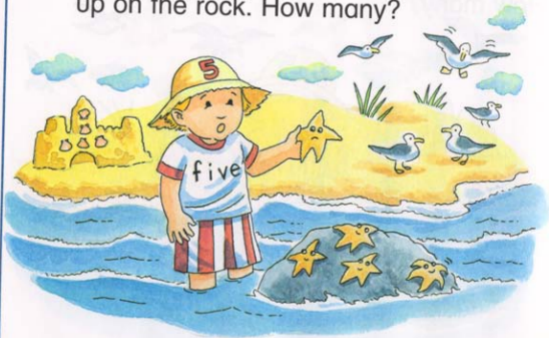


He picks up the sea star and counts its arms.  
How many?



“You have more arms than I do,” he says.

Just then more sea stars climb  
up on the rock. How many?



The little sea star in his hand is sad.

So Little five puts him back in the water.



How many sea stars wave good-bye?

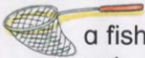
Little hops on down the beach.



He finds a boat . . .



two oars . . .



a fishing  
net . . .



and a fishing rod.

How many things does he find?

Then Little



puts on his clothes to

go fishing.



How many fish swim past?

“Whee!” says he.  
“One fish for me!”



How many fish are left?

“Whee!” says he. “Two fish for me!”




How many fish are left?

"Now I have three" says he.



How many fish are left?



Then Little  catches two more fish!  
“Five fat fish for me,”  
says he.



But the fish are sad.

"I will let you go," says Little




How many fish swim away?  
How many are left?

“You must go, too,” he says.  
And the fish does.



How many fish jump for joy?

Little  found five of everything.

five crabs



five rabbits



five sea stars



five carrots

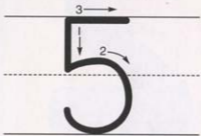


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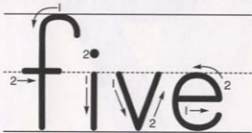


Now you find five things.

“See what I can do,” said Little  
He makes a 5 this way:



Then he makes the number word like this:



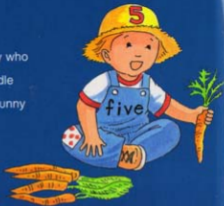
You can make them in the air with your finger.



Introduce your child to Little Five, a spirited boy who enjoys counting things in groups of five. Cuddle up with your little one and read about Little Five's sunny day at a farm and at the beach.

**My First Steps to Math™** makes learning math fun! Each book features a different character your child will love and focuses on a single number. Together, these books provide a strong foundation for math awareness, helping your child to develop the early skills of number recognition, counting, and even simple addition and subtraction.

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