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Mama and Baby visit the market near their home in South West Nigeria. Each market seller they visit gives baby treats without mama noticing. Baby eats one of each and puts the rest in the basket until Mama's basket grows very heavy!

Ages: 1 to 5 years

Interest Level:

toddler-kindergarten

ATOS Reading Level:

NA

Lexile: 460L

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Baby Goes to Market

Can you count all the tasty treats Baby collects when Mama and Baby visit the busy market?

Topics: counting, addition, subtraction, weight/measurement

Math Connections: Use the book *Baby Goes to Market* to introduce numbers one to six and practice counting small groups of objects. Count the number of chickens in the book. Identify the types of foods in Mama's basket. Talk about the vivid patterns found throughout the story. Encourage your child to create a pattern of their own.

Extension Questions:

1. Why do you think Mama's basket becomes so heavy?
2. How many treats was baby given? How many did baby eat? How many did he put in the basket?
3. Which treats that were given to baby were the heaviest? Why do you think so? Which do you think were the lightest? Why do you think so?
4. What treat was Baby given first? What was he given last? What was he given before the chin-chin biscuit? What was he given after the chin-chin biscuit?
5. Mama's basket became very heavy. What could Mama do next time she goes to market to make it easier to carry all of the items?

Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts	five, four, one, single, six, three, two
Vocabulary for Extending Math Concepts	crowded, fast, heavy, quick
Vocabulary for Reading Comprehension	beams, cheerful, chin-chin biscuits, curious, grins, juicy, market, naughty, noticed, palm oil, surprised

Early Math Project Resources:

- [Market Run Directions](#) (English)
- [Instrucciones para Vamos al mercado](#) (Spanish)
- [Market Run Game Board](#) (English)
- [Tablero para Vamos al mercado](#) (Spanish)
- [Market Run Food Cards](#) (English)
- [Tarjetas de comida para Vamos al mercado](#) (Spanish)

Online Resources:

[Fun Things to do with Your Baby](#)

Use these suggestions from Parents.com. Go to a farmer’s market, begin counting out loud with your baby, name colors of different foods, count fish in an aquarium or count other animals. The more words your baby hears in context before the age of five, the better prepared she will be for kindergarten.

[Everyday I Learn Through Play](#)

A list of activities from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to do with your infant or toddler. Reading books, counting objects, counting steps, sorting toys, making patterns, recognizing colors—there are many things parents do with children that are already math related!

Age Level	Related Preschool Foundations and CA State Standards
Infant/ Toddler	Number Sense The developing understanding of number and quantity.
Preschool/ TK	Number Sense 2.3 Understand that putting two groups of objects together will make a bigger group.
Kindergarten - Grade 3	Not applicable.

Also available in:
Japanese

Related Books:

A Frog in the Bog by Karma Wilson and Joan Rankin, *One Lonely Seahorse* by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers; *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

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