At-Home Activities
Activity Set

Counting Surprise Party BUY NOW

• Ask children to line up the boxes in numerical order, 1–10. Then, remove the lids. Explain that the number of dots on each lid matches the number printed on the box. This is an example of one-to-one correspondence. Now, one by one, present only the lids without the matching-number boxes. Can the child correctly identify the numbers by looking only at the dots?

• Line up the boxes in numerical order again, this time with one number missing. Ask, “What’s the missing number?”

• Have children arrange the boxes in descending order, from 10 to 1.

• Let’s solve some fun story problems! Make up a story and have the child use the boxes and surprise toys to “act out” the answer. For example, “Jenny is having a wonderful birthday party. She received a yellow ducky (number 3 gift box) and a brown teddy bear (number 5 gift box). Which toy represents the larger number? What do you get when you add the numbers together?” Repeat with more gift boxes and ever-more-elaborate stories!