

## Honey Bear

This is a circle game with a strong focus on developing social skills of taking turns, asking question and waiting for a reply. Almost everyone has the opportunity to participate in the Honey Bear game.

All the children sit in a circle, and then the teacher chooses one to be the bear; that child sits in the middle of the circle, bending down and hiding their eyes, so they cannot see what's going to happen. The teacher then puts a 'honey pot' (something 'jangly', like a bunch of keys!) beside the child. Next, the teacher asks everyone in the circle to put their hands behind their back, and then signals someone in the circle to take away the honey pot and hide it behind their back.

Once they have returned to their place, everyone in the circle puts their hands behind their back (to make it harder to know who has the keys) and stamps their feet on the ground whilst chanting:

*Honey Bear, Honey Bear,  
Who's got the honey pot?*

At this point, the child who is the bear needs to look around the circle and try to work out who has the honey pot. They can have 3 chances to guess, each time asking, 'Do you have it?' When being asked, the children need to show their hands to prove that they do not have the honey pot.

If the bear eventually find his honey pot, he will go back to the circle, and the teacher will choose another child to be the bear.