

Materials Needed:

- Sidewalk chalk (if outside) OR Masking tape (if inside)
- A small beanbag, stone, or similar marker
- An open space (driveway, sidewalk, or large indoor room)

Lesson Activities:

Warm-up: Number Talk (5 mins)

Let's talk about numbers! Can you show me 1 finger? 2 fingers? Let's count together up to 10 while wiggling our fingers.

Activity 1: Let's Make a Hopscotch! (10 mins)

We're going to make our very own hopscotch game! We need squares with numbers. Let's draw it together. We'll start with a square for number 1, then number 2, then 3, all the way up to 10! As we draw each square, let's say the number out loud. (*Teacher draws or helps draw a standard 1-10 hopscotch grid*). Now, can you point to the square with the number 5? How about number 2? Great job!

Activity 2: Hop and Count! (15 mins)

Time to play! First, let's practice hopping through the course. When you land on a square, shout out the number you landed on! Hop on one foot for single squares and two feet for double squares. Let's go through it together slowly: "One!", "Two!", "Three!"... all the way to "Ten!"

Activity 3: Marker Toss Hopscotch (15 mins)

Now for the real game! Stand before the number 1 square. Gently toss your marker (beanbag/stone) into the number 1 square. If it lands in the square, hop over square 1, through the rest of the course and back. Pick up your marker on the way back. Now, toss the marker into the number 2 square. Hop into square 1, then *over* square 2, and continue the course. Let's see if we can get our marker into each number square, one by one!

Activity 4: How Many Hops? (5 mins)

Let's do some silly hops! I'll say a number, and you do that many hops! Ready? Hop 3 times! Now, hop 7 times! Hop 1 time! Hop 10 times! Great counting and hopping!

Wrap-up: (5 mins)

Wow, you hopped and counted so well today! We played hopscotch all the way up to number 10. Can you count to 10 one more time for me? You were fantastic number detectives and super hoppers!