

## **Going on a Bear Hunt in the Tongass National Forest**

(Adapted from “Going on a Bear Hunt” children’s activity)

We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going on a bear hunt. Let’s go.

Open the door, shut the door. (Act out opening and shutting door.)

We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going on a bear hunt. (Pat hands on knees or desk to act out walking.)

Oh look! There is a meadow filled with blueberry bushes. Yumm lets pick and few for a snack.

We can’t go over it. We can’t go under it. We have to walk through it. (Move arms as if pushing tall grasses out of the way).

We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going on bear hunt. (Pat hands on knees or desk.)

Oh look! A lot of big, tall, very old trees.

We can’t go under them. We can’t run into them. We have to climb up them.

Climb up the tree. Climb down the tree. (Motion climbing up and down.)

We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going on a bear hunt. (Pat hands on knees or desk.)

Oh look! There is a stream with lots of salmon.

We can’t go over it. We can’t go under it. We have to swim through it. (Move arms as if swimming.)

Now shake and dry off. (Shake!)

We’re going on a bear hunt. We’re going on a bear hunt. (Pat hands on knees or desk.)

Oh look! Big mountains with an icy glacier.

We can't go under it. We can't go through it. We will have to hike over it. Be very careful. (Act out walking very carefully.)

We're going on a bear hunt. We're going on a bear hunt. (Pat hands on knees or desk slowly.)

Oh look! A mama bear and her cubs eating yummy salmon. They are so beautiful. Shhh. Let's not disturb them. Walk back slowly.

Oh no, we are late for our dinner. Now that we are far away from the bears. We better run home. (Do all of the motions in reverse and fast.)

Open the door, shut the door. We are home and we are hungry!