

Comparing Numbers



Preparing the Center

1. Laminate and cut out the giraffe on page 97, the center challenge and tags on page 99, and the leaves on pages 101–105.
2. Glue the giraffe onto the front of the bag.
3. Glue the center challenge onto the back of the bag.
4. Reproduce the form on page 107 for students.
5. Place the leaves and forms in the bag.
6. Tie the tags to the handle of the bag.

Using the Center

In a small group

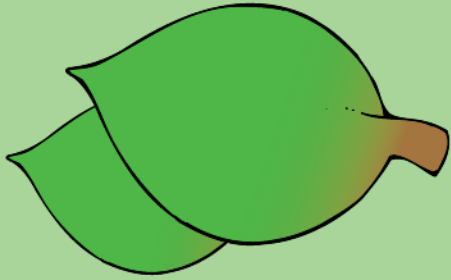
A student takes a leaf out of the bag. A second student takes another leaf. The students decide which leaf has a higher number. They say, “_____ is greater than _____.” The leaves are returned to the bag and the process is repeated.

Independently

A student takes two leaves out of the bag. The leaves are laid in the correct squares on the record form. The student copies the numbers in the blanks on the form. Then the numbers are put back into the bag and the activity is repeated.

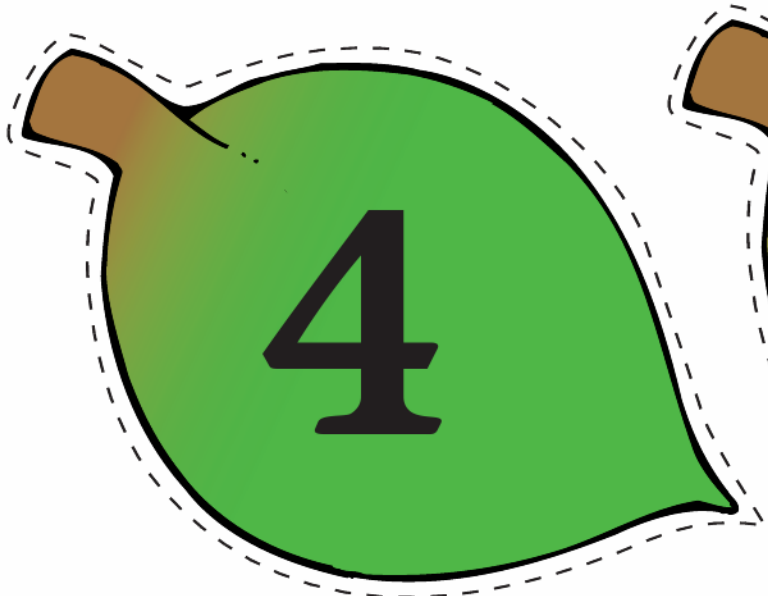
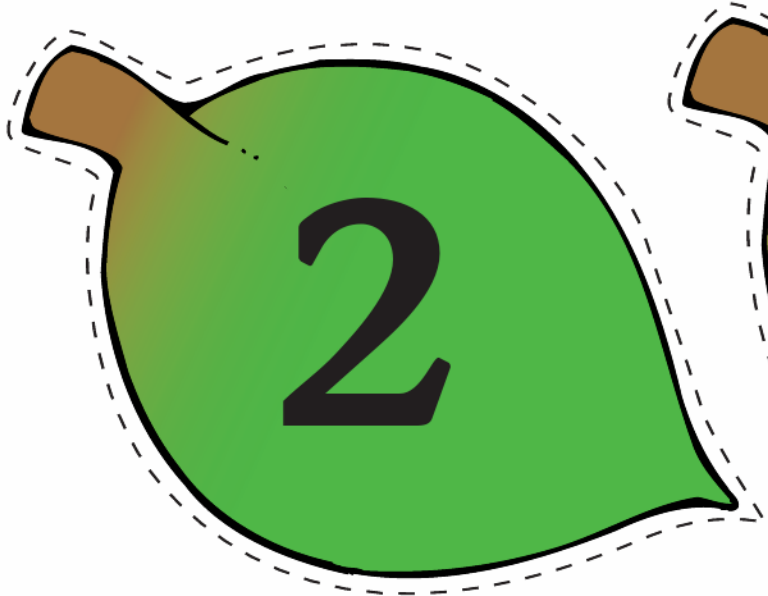
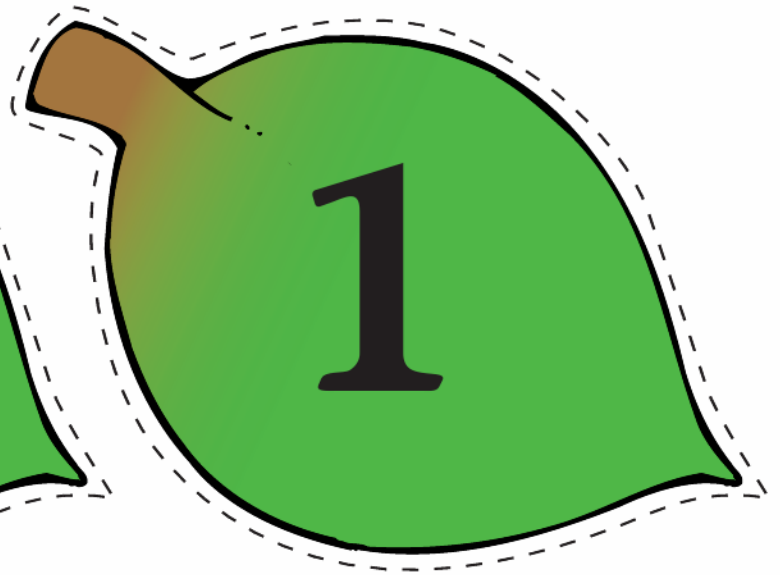
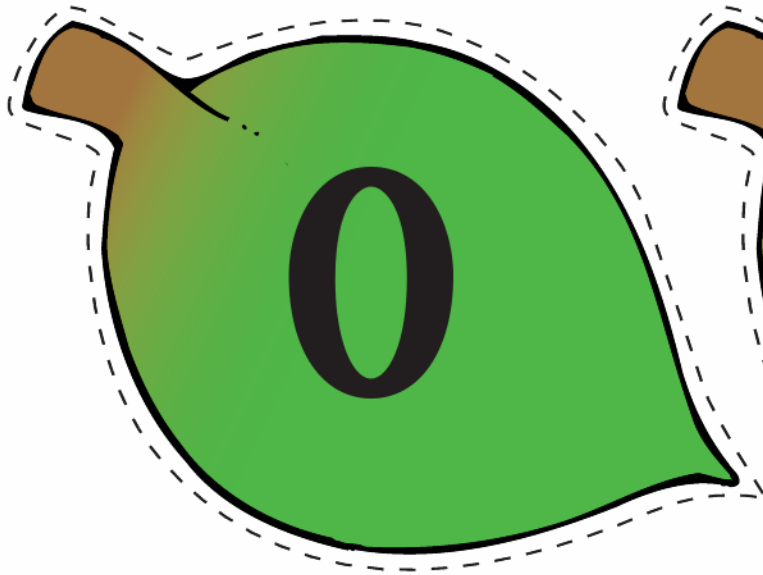


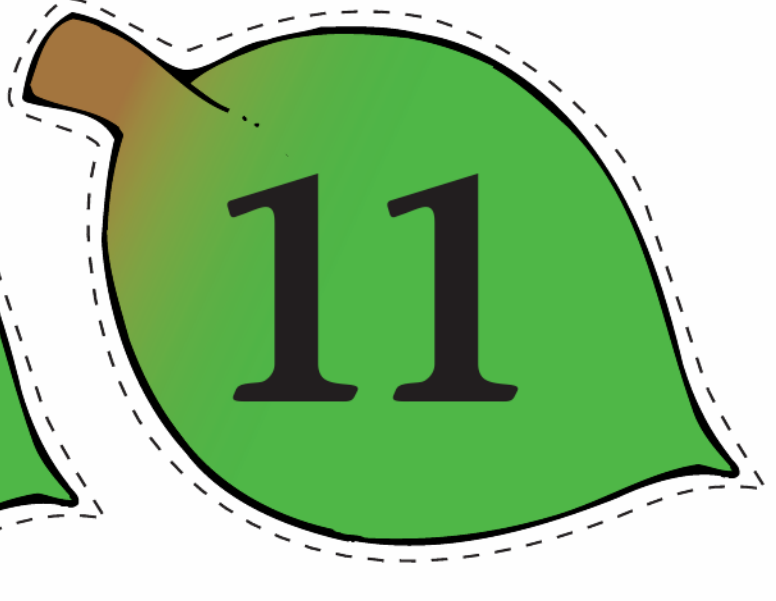
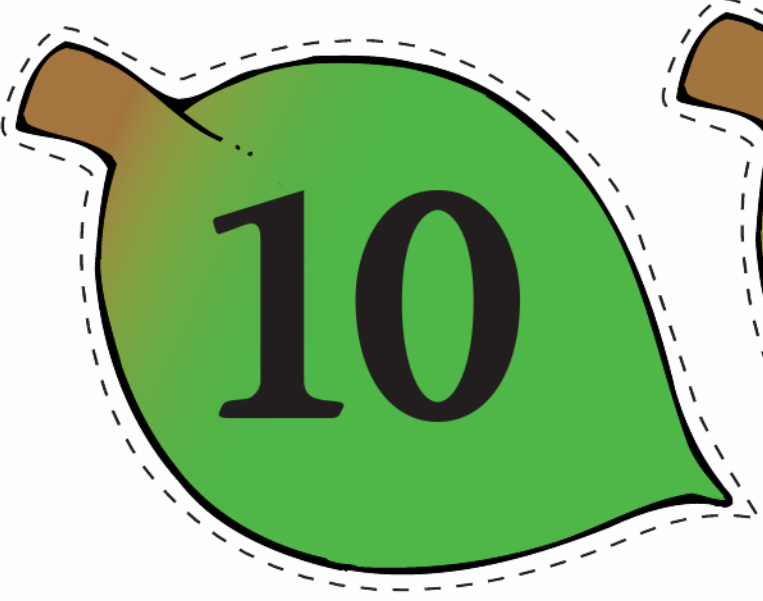
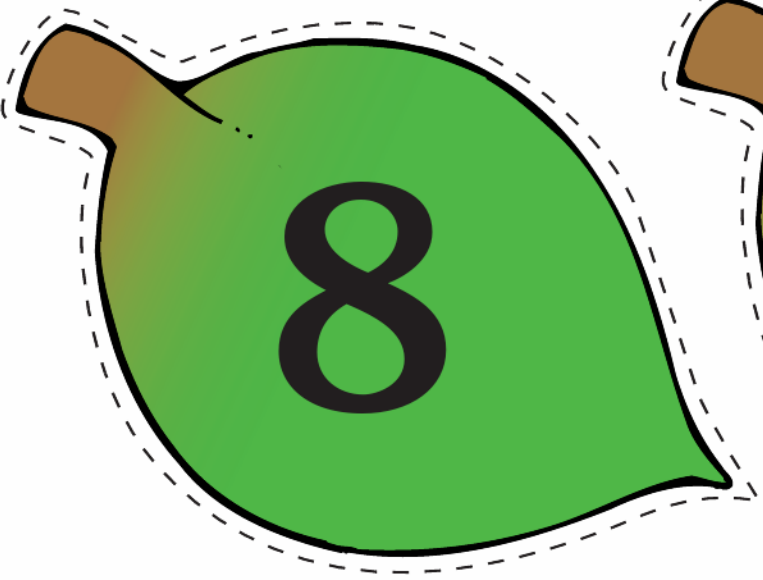
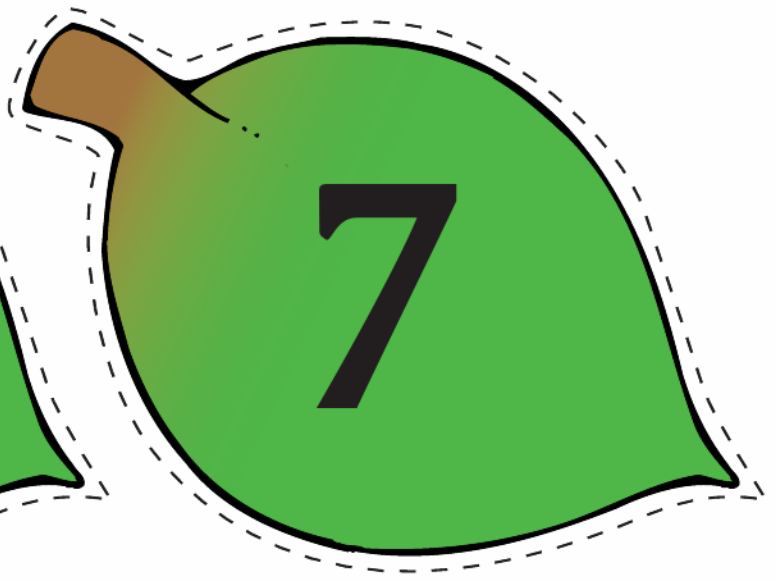
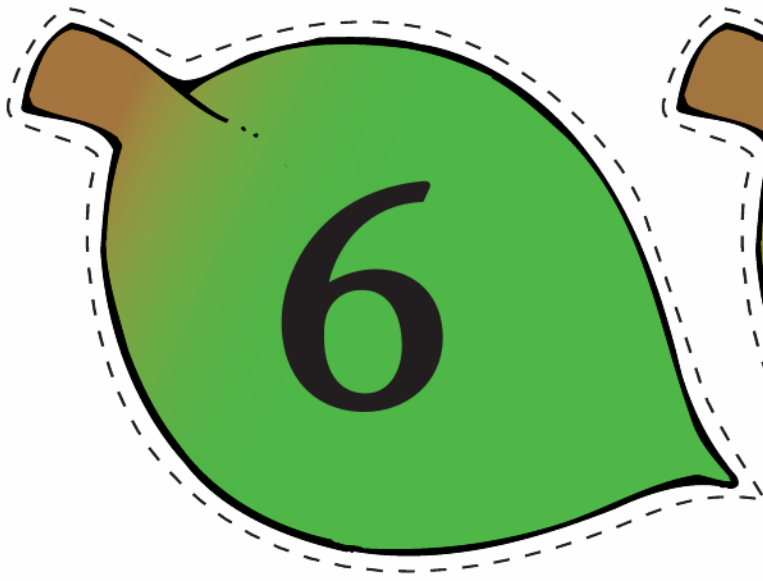
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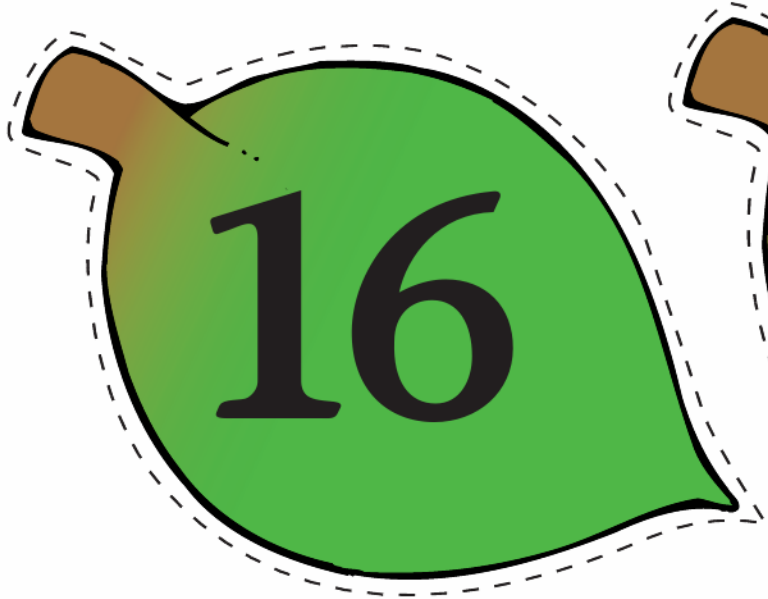
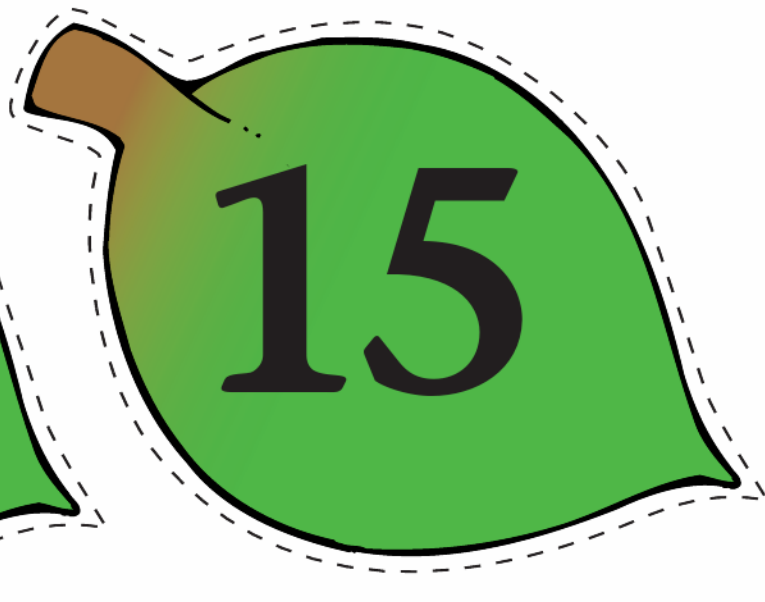
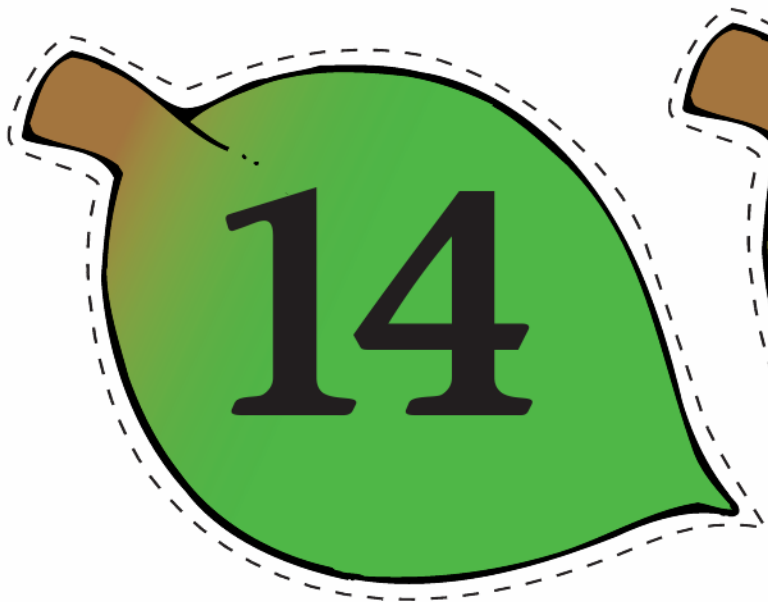
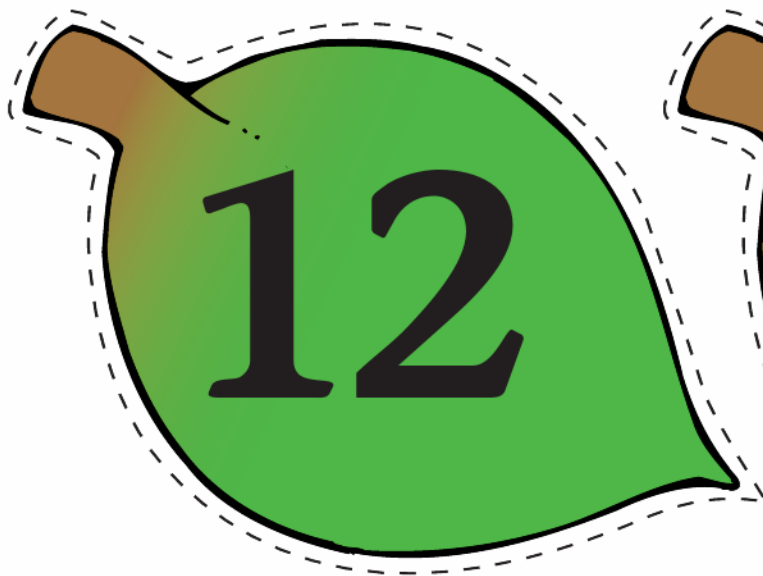


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1. Take two numbers.
2. Place the leaves in the correct squares to show which number is greater.
3. Write the numbers.
4. Then try two new numbers.





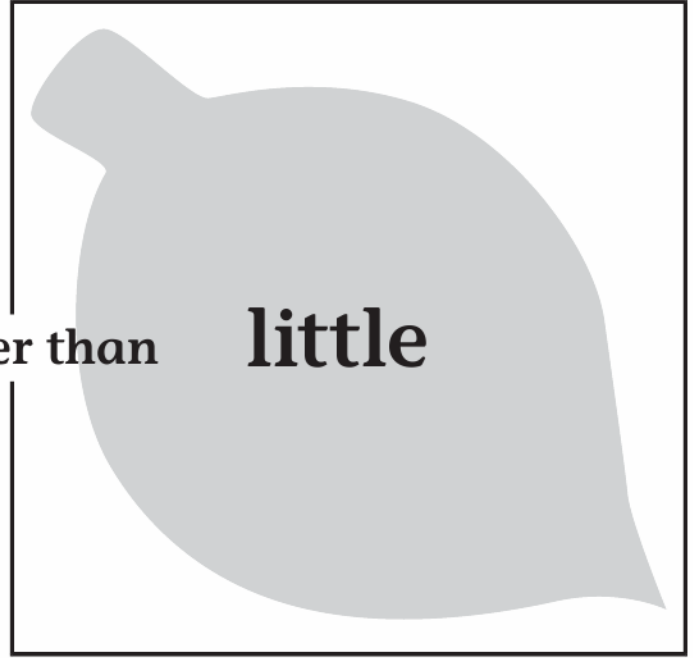
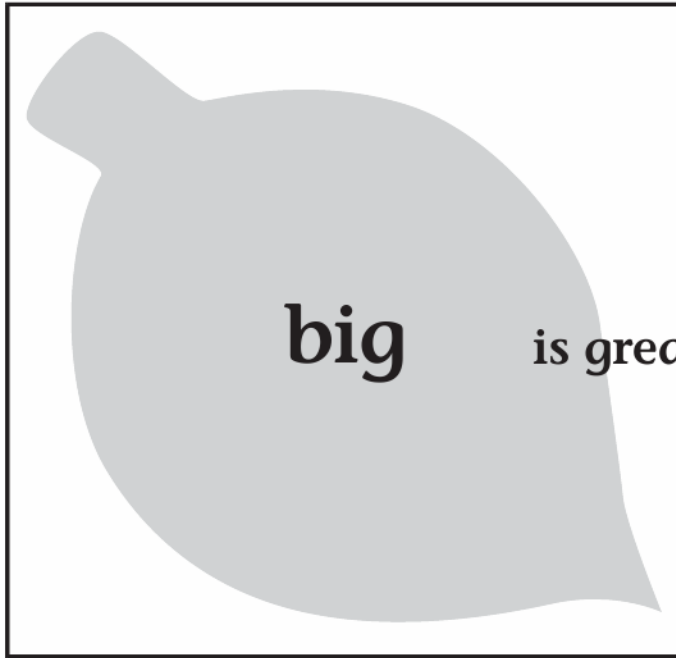


Name _____

I Can Do It!

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Place the leaves in the correct squares. Write the numbers below.



is greater than

_____ > _____
big **little**

_____ > _____
big **little**

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Bag Centers

Bag centers are easily stored. Fold the bag flat. Write the name of the center on the bottom of the bag. Stack the bag centers in a convenient storage place.

Making a Bag Center

Materials

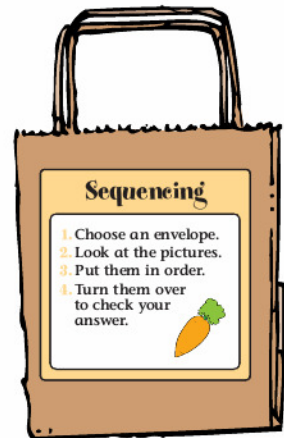
- medium-sized gift bag with handles
- 10" (25.5 cm) piece of string, ribbon, or raffia
- scissors
- marking pens
- glue



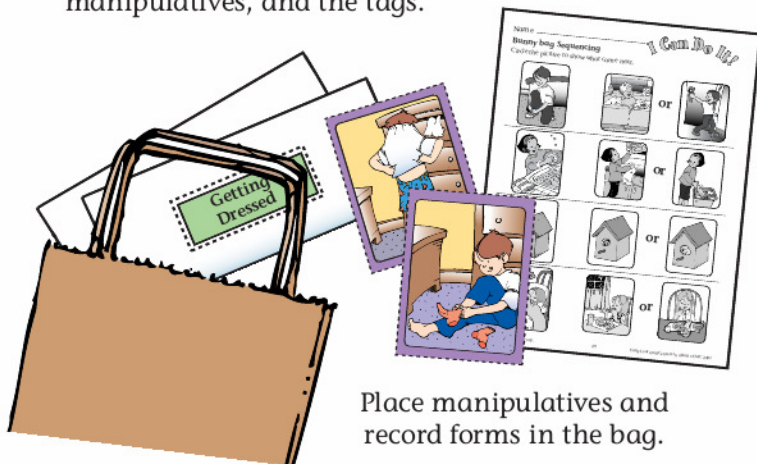
Laminate and cut out the center character, the center challenge, center manipulatives, and the tags.



Glue the character onto the front of the bag.



Glue the center challenge onto the back of the bag.



Place manipulatives and record forms in the bag.



Tie ribbon around one of the handles. Tie the tag to the ribbon end.