

Unit 4: Ready for Kindergarten  
Week 5: Preparation

**Objectives:**

To read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* with your preschooler, help your preschooler prepare for kindergarten, and enjoy one-on-one time with your preschooler.

**Materials:**

A copy of *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate

Week Five Lesson Steps:

1. Start by reminding your preschooler that you are reading *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*. Ask your preschooler what he/she remembers about the book:

Example Questions:

- What was this story about?
- What was your favorite part?
- What are some of the things that the kindergarteners did to get ready?
- What are some of the things that Miss Bindergarten did to get ready?

Introduction/Ice Breaker

Look through this alphabet book and help your preschooler brainstorm other words that start with alphabet letters.

2. Read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*. See if your preschooler can identify any words in the print and read part of the book to you!

Week Five Lesson Steps:

- Choose different characters or things to count in the book with your preschooler. By helping your preschooler count, you are getting him/her ready to learn math in kindergarten!
- Can your preschooler retell the story to you? Help your preschooler practice retelling stories in his/her own words and practicing sequencing of events. You can prompt your preschooler by asking questions such as, "What happens next?"
- Connect the story to what your preschooler already knows. What are some of the things that he/she does to get ready for preschool or to get ready to run an errand?
- Ask your preschooler questions about what the students do to get ready for kindergarten. Here are some questions you might ask:
  - What are some of the ways that the kids get ready for kindergarten?
  - How is that similar or different from the way that you get ready to go somewhere?
- Continue identifying rhyme with your preschooler. Learning about rhyme and the sounds that words make helps preschoolers learn to read!

### Conclusion:

Today you read *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* with your preschooler and talked about different ways to prepare for kindergarten. You are one step closer to having a kindergarten-ready student!

### Follow-Up Activity:

Try to make a morning routine for your preschooler so that he/she has a smooth transition in the morning before kindergarten. You can start practicing the routine now so that your preschooler knows it well by the time the school year starts. An easy morning for your kindergartener will make for a great day at school! A simple routine could be as follows: 1) wake up (make sure to leave enough time so that your preschooler isn't groggy!); 2) eat a healthy breakfast; 3) get dressed; 4) brush teeth.

### Writing Extension:

Help your preschooler write and illustrate a list of the ways that he/she will get ready for kindergarten.

### Early Developmental Standards Taught in Week 5

- With guidance and support, participate in shared writing activities.
- Recognize frequently occurring uppercase letters and some of the most frequently occurring lowercase letters.
- Demonstrate understanding of basic features of print; distinguish between words and pictures.
- With modeling and support, ask and answer questions about text read aloud.
- Participate in listening to common types of text.