

Veggie Farm

Sorting Set



- Line up the five bushel baskets in a row. Place a number card in front of each to represent numbers 1–5. Slowly moving from left to right, place one veggie in the number 1 basket, two in 2, and so on, while counting each quantity aloud. Explain that 15 veggies have been deposited into the baskets altogether. Then, call out one of the numbers (2). The child will identify the correct basket, remove the veggies, and count and sort them into a row. Do this until the five baskets are empty and the row contains 15 veggies. Count up together from 1 to 15, tapping each veggie as you move along. When you reach 15, start all over again—this time backward, from 15 to 1!
- Choose two baskets. Have the child place the correct amount of veggies in each basket (e.g., 3 and 2). Then, count the total number of veggies between both baskets (5). Remove the veggies from the smaller-numbered basket (2). Count how many are left in the other basket (3). Say the number sentence aloud: “5 minus 2 equals 3.” Continue with other numbers and subtraction problems.