CORDUROY BOOK COMPANION

Sequencing, Counting Buttons + Bear Craft





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Corduroy Book Companion: Start Here







What's inside

- **The story in pictures** (page 3): our own short summary in 6 scenes. **Vocabulary:** 6 words (button, overalls, shelf, escalator, savings, sew) as color cards to cut (page 4), the same cards in black and white to color and cut (page 5), a match (page 6) and a fill-in (page 7)
- **Sequencing:** 6 story pictures to cut (page 8), then glue them in order on a mat at two levels, a faint twin to match (page 9) or numbered boxes (page 10), then a first, next, then, last retell (page 11)
- **Counting buttons:** count and circle the number (page 12), count and write the number with a one-button-missing problem (page 13), and a button match (page 14)
- **Comprehension:** questions to circle (page 15) and to write (page 16), how Corduroy feels (page 17), a story elements organizer (page 18) and a wish page (page 19)
- **A bear craft:** the finished bear (page 20), 6 body-part pieces (head, body, two arms, two legs) in color to cut (page 21), the same 6 to color and cut (page 22) and the glue page (page 23)
- An answer key with a class record (page 24), a family letter (page 25) and credits (page 26)

About the story

This is a companion for the picture book *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. Read your own copy of the book aloud, then use these pages. The 6 pictures on page 3 are OUR OWN short summary, written to go with the picture book, in new pictures, at a general level only: a bear waits on a shelf in a big toy store, a girl named Lisa wants him but a button is missing from his overalls, at night he rides the escalator and looks for it, he looks through the furniture department, Lisa comes back with her savings and buys him, and at home she sews on a button. The questions and the feelings page ask about those events, so they work with your read-aloud. The bear and Lisa pictures were made for this product by Bright Path Sped. Nothing in this file copies the book's words or pictures.

How to use it

Read the book, then work through the pages in any order. Every sort, count and sequence has one right answer per piece and the answers are on page 24. For the sequencing strip, cut the 6 pictures on page 8 and glue them on the mat that fits each child. For the bear, color the pieces (or use the ready-colored page), cut along the straight lines and glue each piece in the box of the same size on page 23; the finished bear is on page 20. At the end, each child draws the button that fell off. Glue works best on card stock. You need crayons, scissors and glue sticks.

Counting buttons (a grown-up sets it up)

For a hands-on round, put real buttons or round counters in a cup. A child pours out a handful, counts them and writes the number on page 13, then pours again.

Three levels (shapes by the name line)

- ● **Starting:** circle the number (page 12), circle the answer (page 15), glue each picture on its faint twin (page 9), match words to pictures (page 6), match buttons (page 14). ■ **Building:** write the number (page 13), write the answers (page 16), numbered boxes (page 10), fill in the word (page 7), feelings and the wish page (pages 17 and 19). ▲ **Ready for more:** retell with first, next, then, last (page 11) and the story elements organizer (page 18).

A five-day plan

- **Day 1:** read the book, then our story and the vocabulary cards (pages 3-5). **Day 2:** the match, the fill-in and story order (pages 6-10). **Day 3:** retell and counting buttons (pages 11-14).
- **Day 4:** questions, feelings, story elements and the wish page (pages 15-19). **Day 5:** the bear craft (pages 20-23).

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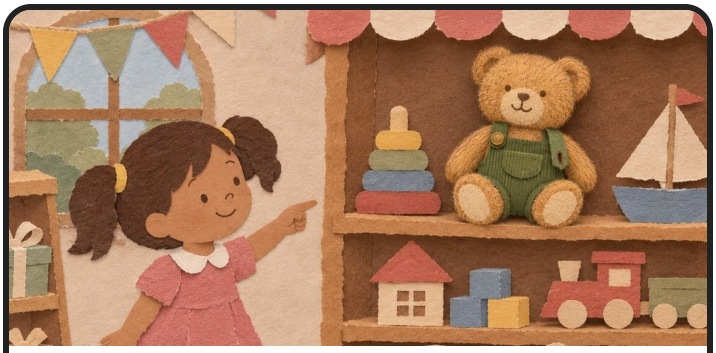
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Listen to the story. Look at the pictures.



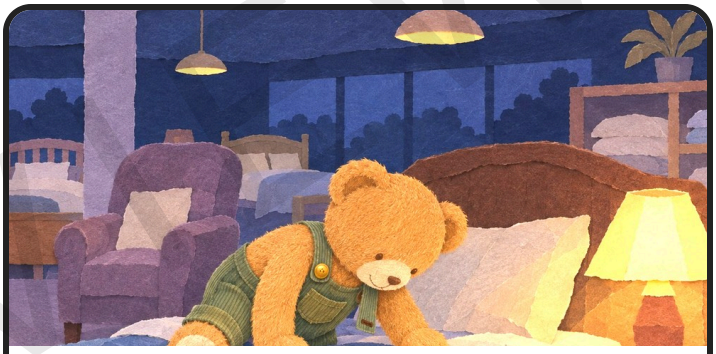
Corduroy sits on a shelf in a big toy store.



Lisa wants him, but a button is missing from his overalls.



At night, Corduroy rides the escalator to look for his button.



He looks around the furniture department for the button.



Lisa comes back with her savings and buys him.



At home, Lisa sews on a new button. Corduroy has a friend.

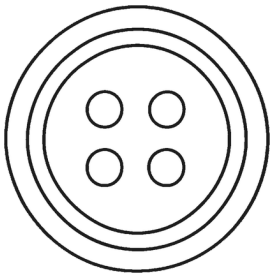
Our own short summary, written to go with the picture book.

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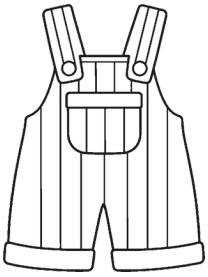
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Color the cards. Cut them out.



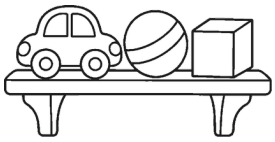
button

a small round thing that holds clothes closed.



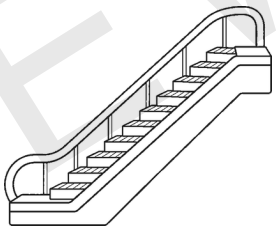
overalls

pants with a bib and straps.



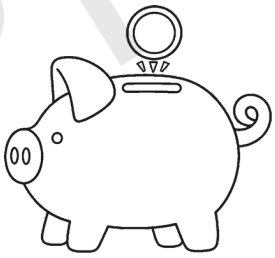
shelf

a flat board where things sit.



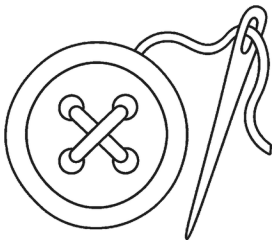
escalator

stairs that move on their own.



savings

money you keep to buy something later.



sew

to join cloth with a needle and thread.

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Play: hold up a card. Say the word and what it means.

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My name _____

Finish each sentence. Row 1 shows how.

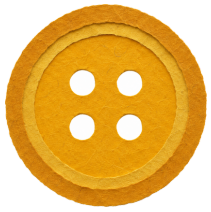
button overalls shelf escalator savings sew



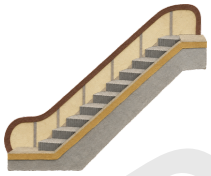
Lisa will sew on a button.



Corduroy sits on a _____ .



A _____ is missing.



He rides the _____ .



Lisa uses her _____ .



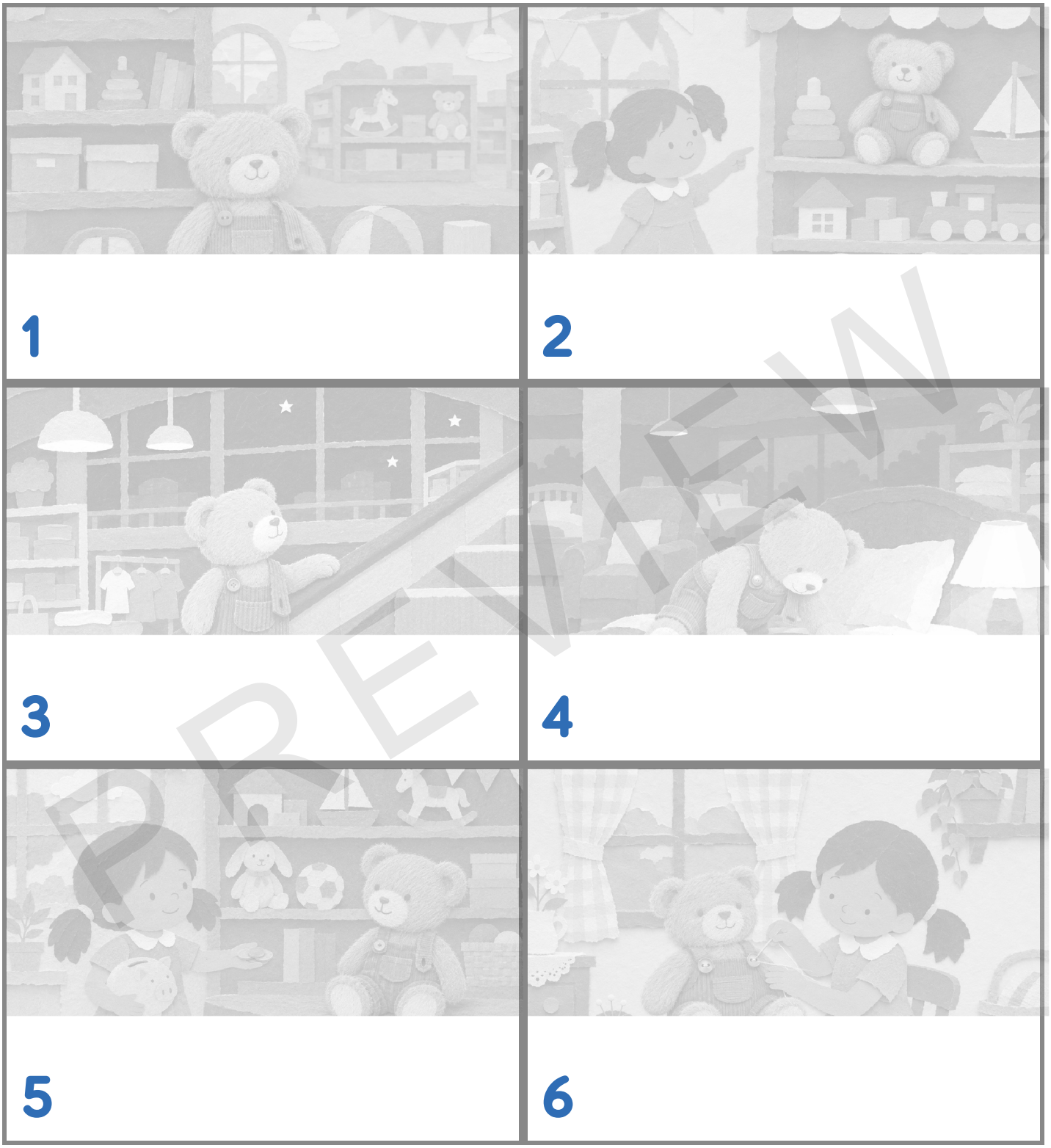
Corduroy wears green _____ .

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My name _____

Glue each picture on its twin. Start at 1.



1

2

3

4

5

6

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Look for the pale twin.

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Tell the story. Draw it. Write it.

First

_____

_____

Next

_____

_____

Then

_____

_____

Last

_____

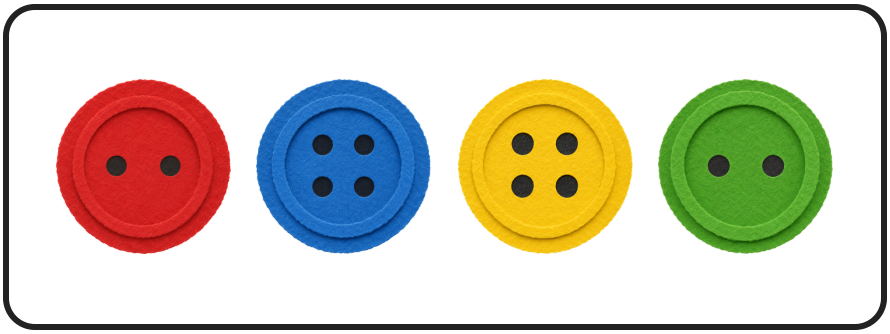
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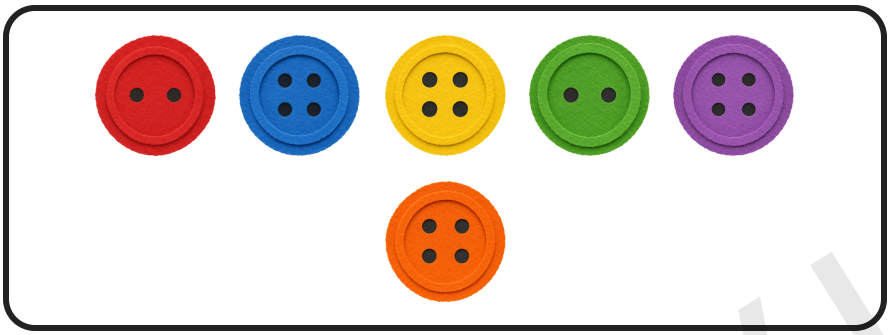
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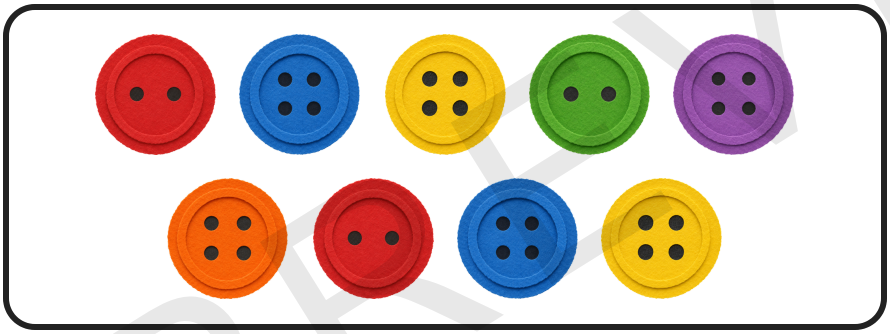
Count the buttons. Write the number.



I count ☐



I count ☐



I count ☐



Corduroy has 2 button spots. One button fell off. How many buttons are on his overalls now?

Now there is ☐

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My name _____

Answer in a sentence.

Corduroy	button	toy store	savings	sews

Who is the bear in the story?

What is missing from his overalls?

Where does the story begin?

What does Lisa use to buy him?

What does Lisa do at home?

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My name _____

Tell the parts of our story.

Characters



Who is in the story? Draw. Write.

Setting



Where is the story? Draw. Write.

Problem



What is missing? Draw. Write.

Solution



How does Lisa fix it? Draw. Write.

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My name _____

Look at the bear. You can make it!



1 Color

2 Cut

3 Glue

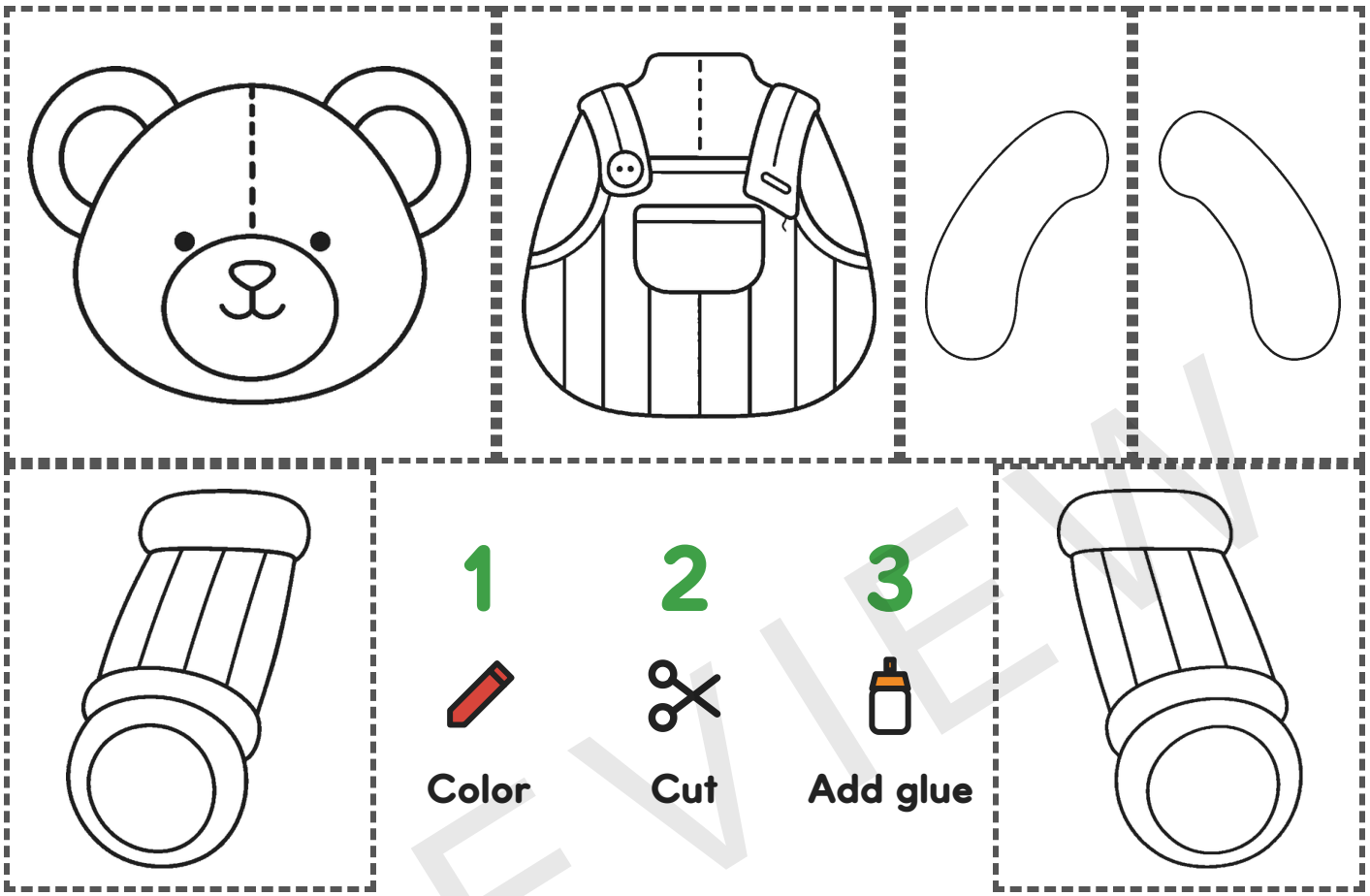
4 Draw the missing button

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Color the pieces. Cut them out.





My bear.
It has 6 pieces.
Glue on page 23.

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Answer Key and Class Record

Class: _____ Week of: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Story	Words	Order	Counting	Questions	Feelings	Craft

Mark each activity done and write a word on how it went.

Story order (pages 9-10): 1 Corduroy sits on a shelf in a big toy store., 2 Lisa wants him, but a button is missing from his overalls., 3 At night, Corduroy rides the escalator to look for his button., 4 He looks around the furniture department for the button., 5 Lisa comes back with her savings and buys him., 6 At home, Lisa sews on a new button. Corduroy has a friend..

Match (page 6): button = button, overalls = overalls, shelf = shelf, escalator = escalator, savings = savings, sew = sew. **Fill in (page 7):** sew, shelf, button, escalator, savings, overalls.

Counting (page 12): 3, 5, 8, 10. **Count and write (page 13):** 4, 6, 9; Corduroy's overalls: 1 button is on (2 spots, 1 fell off). **Button match (page 14):** red button 1 goes with row 2; blue button 2 goes with row 4; yellow button 3 goes with row 5; green button 4 goes with row 1; purple button 5 goes with row 3.

Questions (page 15): 1 button, 2 toy store, 3 her savings, 4 an escalator. **Write (page 16):** 1 Corduroy; 2 a button; 3 a toy store; 4 her savings; 5 she sews on a button.

Story elements (page 18): characters: Corduroy and Lisa. Setting: a big toy store, then Lisa's home. Problem: a button is missing from his overalls. Solution: Lisa buys him and sews on a button.

Feelings (page 17): many answers fit; look for a reason. Suggested: "Corduroy waits on the shelf." sad or worried; "Lisa wants him, but a button is missing." sad or worried; "Corduroy looks for his button at night." worried or surprised; "Lisa buys him and takes him home." happy.

Retell, wish (pages 11, 19): answers vary. Look for four parts in order and a wish with a reason.

Craft (pages 21-23): the head goes on top, the arms go beside the body, the legs go below it. Page 20 shows the finished bear. Each child draws the one button that fell off.

Next week we will: _____

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