

## Safety First!



## Resources and activities for young children

## **BOOKS**

Franklin's Bicycle Helmet by Paulette Bourgeois

D.W. Rides Again! by Marc Brown`

Do Kangaroos Wear Seatbelts? by Jane Kurtz

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman

Sergeant Murphy's Traffic Book by Richard Scarry



## **EDUCATIONAL**

Bicycles are Fun by Dorothy Chlad When I Ride in a Car by Dorothy Chlad

Traffic Safety: Safety Sense Series by Nancy Loewen and Paul Danny

Ride, Ride, Ride Your Bike
(To the tune of "Row, Row, Row
Your Boat")

Ride, ride, ride, your bike Ride it fast or slow, But wear bright colors all the time So cars can see you go.

Ride, ride, ride, your bike Ride it day or night But wear reflectors on your clothes So cars keep you in sight

Ride, ride, ride, your bike Ride it round and round,



But wear a helmet on your head So you stay safe and sound.

Suggested Activities:

- 1. Play Red Light, Green Light
- 2. Set up a "road" with traffic signs and have cars available for kids to play with and practice obeying the road signs.
- 3. Decorate a bicycle helmet with stickers, paint, etc. Or, if they don't have a bike helmet, try using the bottom of a gallon of milk to make a pretend helmet
- 4. Make sand-art or glitter traffic lights! Give kids a sheet with a traffic light on it, glue sticks, and glitter or sand. Make sure to put down newspaper!
- 5. Make a school bus or car out of small cardboard boxes. Have students paint them. Signs can be handmade or items like traffic cones, sand, and signs are available from Oriental Trading Company and Smilemakers

This is the Way We Buckle Up (To the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we buckle up, buckle up, buckle up This is the way we buckle up, when we're in the car

This is the way we look both ways, look both ways, look both ways This is the way we look both ways, before we cross the street

We wait for a crossing guard, crossing guard, crossing guard We wait for a crossing guard, when we go to school

This is the way we wear our helmet, wear our helmet, wear our helmet
This is the way we wear our helmet when we ride our bike.

I'm a Little Traffic Light
(To the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle
Little Star")

I'm a little traffic light watch me glow
When I turn green that means go
Red means stop and

I'm sure you know
To slow down when you see yellow
I'm a little traffic light watch me

When I turn green that means go

Red Light/Green Light

I wait for the green light (clap hands)
When I need to cross the street
Then I make sure look both ways
(turn head)

Before I move my feet. (walk in place)

I know that I should stop (hands out in stop position)

When the red light shines so bright So I pay close attention (clap hands) When I wait at the light.

(You can use felt or cardstock circles for the colors of the light)

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