How Many Octopuses in the Ocean?

Print the mat (pg. 2) and number cards onto cardstock and laminate for durability.

VERSION 1 (easier)

*Place some octopuses on the ocean mat (pg. 2).
*Ask your child to count the number of octopuses.
*Help him locate the number (from the number cards, pg. 4)

VERSION 2 (harder)

*Place some octopuses on the ocean mat (pg.2)
*Ask your child to count the number of octopuses.
*Help him locate and trace the correct number (with the number tracer cards, pp. 5-6)

VERSION 3 (hardest)

*Pose it as a problem to the child, such as "There were 5 octopuses and 2 more came along. How many octopuses are there now?"
*The child uses the octopuses on pg. 3 to solve the problem (assist or model this, if child needs help).
*The child locates the number (from pg. 4) or locates AND traces the number (with the number tracer cards, pp. 5-6)

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Number Cards 1-20

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

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Number Tracing Cards 1-20

*The green dot indicates where the child should start writing the number.
*You can cut these apart and laminate or slip them into a plastic sleeve protectors and leave them as whole sheets.