## Directions for Number Trees

Print out one tree for each child, and one set of ten frames, which are also available on the Heidisongs.com website. Give the children manipulatives to count with. Have each child draw one ten frame card, and then build that number with the counters. We like to build our numbers onto ice cube trays that have ten slots, or into egg cartons with two cups cut off, leaving just ten spaces. That way, the child is recreating the ten frame exactly! Then the child should raise his hand when he is ready to have an adult check his counting. If the child counted correctly, he may color in the apple on the tree that matches the number that he counted. The child is finished when all of the apples on the tree are colored in.

We usually spend several days on this activity before everyone has completed all of the numbers on the tree. When the child has complete the tree for 0-10, then he may begin the tree for $10-20$, or even re-do the 0-10 tree! My students always have the next highest tree waiting for them when they finish their existing tree. We start our 0-10 trees in September, and keep working on the different trees now and then throughout the year until we finish the 5-100 tree in June!


Optional: Give your children bingo bottles from Discount School Supply, and fill them with liquid water color paint. The child can paint in the apples with the bingo bottles. They love this!


