

“What a Wonderful World!” Colorful Cultural Activity for the Whole Family 01 – Build a Texas Abacus and Watch Your Kids Fall in Love with Arithmetic 05

The Kongfu Fingers Game

We learned from the previous chapters that the particular feature that makes the Chinese abacus easy to work is that in each column there is a special bead -- the one above the bar -- that represents 5. With that special bead, each column's value can be represented with only having 5 beads to cover 0 through 9.

With this particular feature in mind, I want you to design a game that will make it possible for you to use your two hands to signal the values from 0 through 99. Will you be able to do that? If your answer is yes, then how do you do that?

I will give you the answer in the next chapter.