The Letters are Lost!

For this game you can use 26 index cards, paper, or magnetic letters, and a basket/box for the 'home'. For the index cards write each letter of the alphabet on individual cards. If you use paper, make individual letter cards and cut them out.

Give your child 5 of the letters. Explain that the letters are lost and want to go home (the box or basket). Call out a letter name (you will want to write down the letters that are called so you don't repeat) As the letters are called out, children look to see if they have that letter, and if they do, the letter is put in the letter box so they can go 'home'. If you are playing with more than one child, see who is first to clear all of their letters. It's very similar to a bingo game. Play until everyone has cleared all of their letters; the goal is letter recognition.

To teach letter sounds: Call out a letter and have children say the sound it makes.