Note: It is common for many early learners to have difficulty with the “fine motor skills” involved in using a zipper. You may want to practice zipping and unzipping with your child as a separate learning tasks. A task analysis for Zipping Jacket is provided separately below.

**Materials:**
Jacket and reinforcer (e.g., preferred toy or treat)

**Initial instruction:**
“Put on your jacket.”

**Steps:**
1. Take jacket off the hook.
2. Hold jacket at top with left hand.
3. Slip right arm through the right arm hole until right hand exits wrist cuff.
4. Reach left arm back.
5. Slip left arm through the left arm hole until left hand exits wrist cuff.
6. With both hands, grasp bottom of jacket and pull down to straighten.
7. Put on hood.
Zipping jacket:

1. Grasp zipper-tab with thumb and forefinger of right hand.

2. Slide zipper-tab all the way down right side to bottom of zipper.

3. Grasp bottom edges of jacket front, left hand on left side and right hand on right side.

4. Pull edges of jacket horizontally until zipper ends are close together.

5. Use left thumb and forefinger in pincer grasp on zipper above larger inset tooth at the bottom of the zipper.

6. Grasp zipper pull on the right side of the jacket with right thumb and forefinger in pincer grasp.
7. Put fleshy pad of your right middle finger under the base of the zipper.

8. Line up the edges of the zipper, and then move the zipper pull side under the left teeth.

9. Guide the zipper pull hole on the zipper-tab onto large guide tooth of the left side of the zipper.

10. Push up with right middle finger braced under the base of the zipper pull while holding the left side of the zipper until large tooth reaches bottom of pull hole.

11. Hold bottom left of the jacket front with left hand.

12. With right forefinger and thumb in a pincer grasp, pull the zipper pull tab up along the zipper until the slide reaches neck height.