Here is a solution based on the use of a for loop.

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\label{eq:sumToN} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{int sumToN(int n) } \{ \\ \mbox{int sum} = 0; \\ \mbox{for (int } i = 1; \ i < n; \ i++) \ \mbox{sum} \ += i; \\ \mbox{return sum;} \\ \} \end{array}
```

Here is a different solution, based instead on recursion.

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\label{eq:continuous_sumToN} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{int sumToN(int } n) \ \{ \\ \mbox{if } (n <= 0) \\ \mbox{return } 0; \\ \mbox{else} \\ \mbox{return } (n-1 \ + \ \mbox{sumToN(}n-1)); \\ \} \end{array}
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