

Bath Time—Math Time

Age: Birth-12 months

Skills: Language/
Communication/Math/Social

Materials:

Household plastic bowls,
measuring cups, deli
containers

Parent Tip: Infants enjoy doing empty/fill. They need to do sensory activities and bath time is perfect for water play.



Activity: Allow your child to play with plastic containers during bath time. Show your child how to fill the container with water and explain what you're doing ("Look! The cup is full! No more water can fit in the cup."). Pour out the water to show empty ("I'm pouring out all the water. Now the cup is empty!") Encourage your child to copy what you do. Your child will quickly learn how to fill and dump the containers.

What's Missing

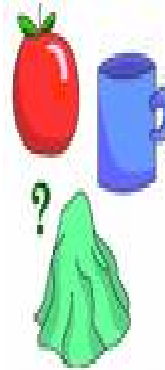
Age: 18 –24 months

Skills: Gross Motor and Fine
Motor Development/Language/
Communication/Reasoning

Materials:

Baby safe objects from around
the house & a cloth to cover
objects

Parent Tip: Discovering the missing item in this activity will surely delight your child while helping to develop reasoning skills.



Activity: Select three different objects. Show the objects to your child. Encourage your child to name them. Describe the colors, shapes, textures and other attributes of each item. Next tell your child to cover their eyes, while you cover one item with a cloth or napkin. Now have the child tell you which object is under the cloth. Repeat the process and change the items from time to time.

Music Wave

Age: 24-36 months

Skills: Gross motor, fine motor,
social, language, math

Materials:

Red, white, or blue crepe paper,
scissors, music or sing a song

Parent Tip: Toddlers love to move and sing. This activity encourages movement and parent child interactions.

Preparation: Cut out crepe paper strips that are 10" long. Cut out enough for everyone in the family to get at least one strip of crepe paper.

Activity: Give your toddler a strip of paper, and everyone else in the family who is doing the activity with you. Show your toddler how to wave it around, up and down. Have them put the paper up high and then down low. Sing a song with them or play some music and move the crepe paper as you move. Move the paper slow and move it fast. Your toddler will learn basic concepts as you do this activity such as up/down, high/low, slow/fast. Have fun!



Color Bowling

Age: 3,4, & 5 Year-Olds

Skills: Gross motor, fine motor,
math, language, social

Materials:

Clear twist on soda bottles,
different colors of tissue paper,
medium size ball

Parent Tip: Pre-school age children will be able to take this game outside and play it with their friends. Encourage your child to invite a friend over for summer color bowling and some snacks.

Preparation: Stuff a different color of tissue paper into each of the empty soda bottles. Set up the bottles.

Activity: Show your child how to set up the game, let them help you. Demonstrate how to use the ball. Once the child has knocked down some bottles, have them count how many they have knocked down. Also let them name each color in the bottle. Set up the activity again and play together.

