

Helpful Learning Activities for Children 30-36 Months Old

Focus on: *Fine Motor Development*

Helping Set the Table.

First, have your child place the plates, then cups, and then napkins. By placing one at each place, he will learn one-to-one correspondence. Show your child where the utensils should be placed.

Learning Location Words.

Build roads and bridges with blocks. Use toy cars to go on the road, under or over a bridge, between the houses, and so forth.



Make Your Own Puzzles.

Cut out magazine pictures of whole people. Have your child help glue pictures onto card-board. Cut pictures into three pieces by cutting curvy lines. Head, trunk, and legs make good pieces for your child to put together.

One For You, One For Me.

Give a cup to your child. Use bits of cereal or fruit and place one in your child's cup and one in your cup. Take turns. Dump out your child's cup and help count the pieces.

Painting without a Brush.

Add water to tempera paint to make it runny. Drop some paint on a paper and blow through a straw to move the paint around the paper, or fill an old roll-on deodorant bottle with watered-down paint. Your child can roll color onto the paper.

Trace Around Simple Objects.

Use cups of different sizes, blocks, or your child's and your hands. Using felt-tip markers or crayons of different colors makes it even more fun.

Vegetable Stamps.

Children at this age may be interested in creating art in different ways. Try cutting a potato in half and carving a simple shape or design for your child to dip



in paint and then stamp onto paper.