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The First Twelve Months of Life

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ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

Welcome to the Baby Box *Family* Kit. Our target age group is birth to three year olds. Have fun reading aloud and exploring these books with the babies in your care. There are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

PICTURE BOOK

Ask parents to bring in pictures of their child's mother, father, siblings, pets, grandparents, etc. You can put these into a "book" by laminating* the photos, punching a hole into them and putting them on a ring. Use the book to talk about family with the child. Look at each picture and ask, "who is that?" The child will either tell you, or you can

tell the child. Depending on the child's age ask other questions about the person/animal in the photo. You can also ask the baby to pick out a picture. Ask, "Where's Mommy?" and see if she can point her out.

*laminating alternative: Cover photos with clear contact paper.



SIMPLE STEPS: DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND TWO-YEAR-OLDS

The adult resource in this kit has many ideas for activities that aid a child's development. The book is organized by categories of development: Social-Emotional, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Cognitive, etc. Age suggestions are provided. This book has been written especially for childcare providers and there are some interesting sections about how to interact with the child's family. For example, "Who's Here?" (p. 21) suggests having the parent call out to the child by name and talk to the child before s/he actually sees the parent. Observe the child's reaction and point it out to the parent. Chapter 14 is titled, "Becoming Partners: Working with Parents," and it has lots of practical suggestions on topics such as: sharing milestones, dealing with jealousy, grief, fear, and separation anxiety. There are over 300 developmentally based activities suggested in this resource!



PLAYING HOUSE

Encourage the children to play house. Older children can act as parents to the babies. Supply hats, shoes or other dress up items to help the children get into character. You can also offer suggestions for activities: dinnertime, car trip, baby's playtime, etc.



THIS IS MY FAMILY

Traditional

Hold up one hand, or finger family, fingers extended, and point to fingers with other hand.

This is my mother.
point to thumb
This is my father.
point to index finger
This is my brother tall.
point to middle finger
This is my sister.
point to ring finger
Oh, how I love them all!
Clap left hand over all fingers and hug to chest!

THIS IS A BABY READY FOR A NAP

This is a baby ready for a nap.
Hold up one finger.
Lay him down in his mother's lap.
Place in palm of other hand.
Cover him up so he won't peep.
Wrap fingers around it.
Rock him till he's fast asleep.
Rock finger back and forth.

- Fingerplays and Action Rhymes

MAMA AND PAPA AND UNCLE JOHN

JOHN

Traditional

Mama and Papa and Uncle John
Went to town one by one
Mama fell off
Papa fell off
But Uncle John went on and on and on

*Bounce baby on knee
Tip baby to one side
Tip baby to other side*

Continue bouncing baby

HERE'S A BALL FOR BABY

Traditional

Lay baby on floor in front of you. Make the motions in front of her face.

Here's a ball for Baby
Big and soft and round.

Hold up two hands touching fingertips to form ball.

Here is baby's hammer
See how she can pound.

Tap fists one on top of the other.

Here is baby's music
Clapping, clapping so.

Clap hands.

Here are baby's dollies
Standing in a row

Hold ten fingers erect.

Here is baby's trumpet
Toot, too, toot, too, toot

Wiggle fingers in front of babies mouth.

Here's the way the baby plays a game
of peek-a-boo!

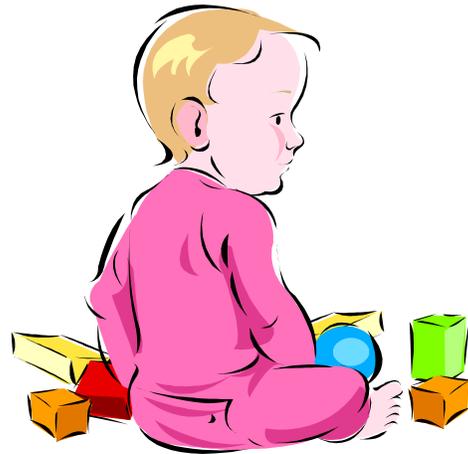
Cover babies eyes with your hands and then lift hands on boo.

Here's a big umbrella
To keep the baby dry.

Cup both hands together and lift and lower over baby's head.

And here is baby's cradle
Rock-a-baby bye.

Wrap arms around baby and rock.



Baby Box Family Theme Kit

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