

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN)
Parent and Provider Resource: Activities for Distance Learning

Building Cognitive Skills

The following activity will support your child's learning while they are at home. Talk to your child and ask questions as you play. As your child listens to you, your child builds language and social skills, further reinforcing the concepts you are teaching. Match activities to your child's favorite books, songs, or toys to make them more meaningful learning experiences. Visit our website at www.chs-ca.org and click on the News and Events tab for more learning resources.

TODDLERS - Activity: My Family Glove Puppet

What you need:

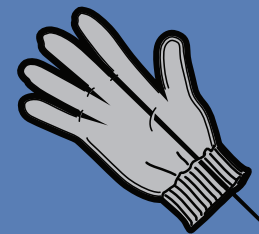
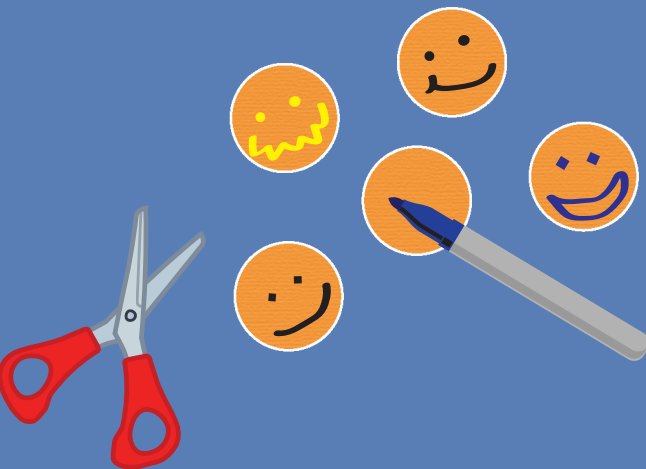
- Felt
- Scissors
- Permanent felt tip markers
- Yarn
- Fabric glue or needle and thread
- Cloth glove (gardening gloves work best)
- Optional: print out small family photos

What to do:

- Cut out five one-inch felt circles
- Use permanent markers to draw faces of family members and pets on each circle, or cut photos down to size and glue them to the felt circles
- Use fabric glue or a needle and thread to attach the felt circles to the fingertips of the glove. If you are using photos, attach the felt to the glove first
- Yarn can be attached to fingertips with glue or thread so the faces have "hair"
- Show the glove to your child and demonstrate how she can place her hand inside to make the people move
- Use the glove to tell stories or sing songs about family, such as the Tommy Thumb is Up song
- You can also use the glove to practice counting and color recognition
- The bag can easily be wiped clean and used again for more sensory play

What the activity does:

- Introduces names and new vocabulary such as: mom, dad, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, thumb, pointer, etc.
- Supports children's family relationships
- Engages toddlers in imaginative play
- Practices comparing and contrasting physical features
- Uses fine motor skills when puppeteering



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