

HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN AND GROW!

Try these fun and easy activities with your 3-year-old—a great way to have fun together and encourage your child's healthy development.



Make an adventure path
outside. Use a garden hose, rope, or
piece of chalk and make a "path" that
goes under the bench, around the tree,
and along the wall. Walk your child
through the path first, using
these words. After she can do it,
make a new path or have
your child make a path.

Before bedtime, look
at a magazine or children's book
together. Ask your child to **point to pictures** as you name them, such as
"Where is the truck?" Be silly and ask him
to point with an elbow or foot.
Ask him to show you something that
is round or something that goes fast.

While cooking or eating dinner, play the "more or less" game with your child. Ask who has more potatoes and who has less. Try this using same-size glasses or cups, filled with juice or milk.

Make a necklace
you can eat by stringing Cheerios
or Froot Loops on a piece of yarn
or string. Wrap a short piece
of tape around the end
of the string to make a
firm tip for stringing.

Practice following directions.

Play a silly game where you ask your child to do two or three fun or unusual things in a row. For example, ask him to "Touch your elbow and then run in a circle" or "Find a book and put it on your head."

Find large pieces of paper or cardboard for your child to **draw** on. Using crayons, pencils, or markers, play a drawing game where you follow his lead by copying exactly what he draws. Next, encourage your child to copy your drawings, such as circles or straight lines.

Listen and dance to **music**with your child. You can stop
the music for a moment and play the
"freeze" game, where everyone
"freezes," or stands perfectly still, until
you start the music again.
Try to "freeze" in unusual
positions for fun.