

Early Learning Activities for Babies

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Here are some sample activities for the [five areas of child development](#): physical, social and emotional, approaches to learning, thinking, and communication and language. Activities are presented in PDF format. Produced by Best Beginnings, new activities will be added regularly. The most recent activities are listed on top for each age group.

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Zero to 6 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Reach So High](#)
- [Exercycle](#)
- [Napkin Tent](#)
- [Floor Time](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Body Awareness](#)
- [Sweet Dreams](#)
- [Love and Trust Building](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Satin Streamers](#)
- [Sticky Fun](#)
- [See-Through Shake Toys](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Tasting and Touching to Play](#)
- [Repeating Action](#)
- [Find the Noise](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Talk, Talk, Talk](#)
- [I Know My Name](#)
- [Talk to Me, Baby](#)

6 to 12 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Pull Up](#)
- [Floating Game](#)
- [Blanket Fun](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Learning to Share](#)
- [Let's Play](#)
- [Mirror, mirror on the Wall](#)

Approaches to learning

- [String Along](#)
- [Noisy Dumping](#)
- [Where Am I?](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Means to an End](#)
- [This Goes with That](#)
- [A Place for the Animals](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Read, Read, Read](#)
- [Mama, Dada](#)
- [Where's Your Toe?](#)

12 to 18 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [How About a Push](#)

- [Haul It](#)
- [Feed the Clown](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Cooperative Play](#)
- [Good Night, Elbow](#)
- [Transitional Photos](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Collection of Holes](#)
- [Paper Cup Nesting Toys](#)
- [Tubes Inside of Tubes](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Nesting Cups](#)
- [Advanced Peek-a-Boo](#)
- [Easy-Shape Boxes](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [My Own Word Book](#)
- [Understanding](#)
- [More...All Gone](#)

Early Learning Activities for Toddlers

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18 to 24 Months



Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Tear it Up](#)
- [Fun With Movement](#)
- [Pour and Fill](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Playing with Peers](#)
- [Early Symbolic Play](#)
- [Chair Line-Up](#)
- [Initiating My Own Play](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Fill-and-Spill Bottles](#)
- [Roll Away Game](#)
- [Changing Colors](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Matching Objects](#)
- [Quiet or Loud](#)
- [Symbol to Thing](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Picture Stowaways](#)
- [Using Words to Have Fun](#)
- [Promoting Language Through Nursery Rhymes](#)

24 to 30 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Big Steps](#)
- [Tip Toe](#)
- [Target Practice](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Puppet Show](#)
- [Share the Box](#)
- [Care for the Animals](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Edible Snowman](#)
- [Make a Puzzle](#)
- [I'm a Ghost](#)
- [Free Like the Wind](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Matching Shapes](#)
- [Imaginative Play](#)
- [Learning the Meaning of Action Words](#)
- [Just "One"](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Obstacle Course](#)
- [Who's In There?](#)
- [Action Pictures](#)

30 to 36 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Water Squeeze](#)
- [Over the River](#)
- [Photographic Sequencing Game](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Story Hand](#)
- [Three Nice Mice](#)
- [My Little Bird](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Let's Choose](#)
- [What Do You See?](#)
- [Tower Power Game](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Colorful Steps](#)
- [Learning to Sort Shapes](#)
- [Listening and Talking](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [The Story Knife](#)
- [Every Day I](#)
- [Follow the String](#)
- [Tape Walk](#)

Early Learning Activities for Preschoolers

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36 to 42 Months



Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Jump the River](#)
- [Bowling Game](#)
- [Polka Dot Flowers](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Mad Face, Scary Face](#)
- [My Favorite Things Quilt](#)
- [My Hands Can Say](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Tissue Paper Collages](#)
- [Free Exploration](#)
- [Touchy Feely Box](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Lotto Games](#)
- [Sink or Float](#)
- [Colorful Nature Collages](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Clap a Name](#)
- [How Does It Feel?](#)

- [Do You Hear What I Hear](#)

42 to 48 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Basketball Game](#)
- [Lacing through Swiss Cheese](#)
- [Cool Painting Tools](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Star of the Day](#)
- [I Can Help](#)
- [Puppet Pals](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Carrot Top](#)
- [Fossil Detective](#)
- [The Nose Knows](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Greenhouse Effect](#)
- [Colorful Caterpillars](#)
- [Primary to Secondary](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Tell Me About It](#)
- [Name Game](#)
- [Rhyme Detectives](#)

48 to 54 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Balance Fishing](#)
- [String Art](#)
- [Bunny Hop Game](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Helping with Family Chores](#)
- [Pass the Hat](#)
- [If You're Happy and You Know It](#)

Approaches to learning

- [Jack's Beanstalks](#)
- [Think Think Think](#)
- [Sink or Float](#)
- [Take a Vacation](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Animal Habitat Sorting](#)
- [Pot of Gold](#)
- [Favorite Ice Cream Graph](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Opposites](#)
- [Alpha-Bags](#)

54 to 60 Months

Physical well-being, health, and movement skills

- [Rubber Bodies](#)
- [Think Fast!](#)
- [Colored Hula Hoops](#)

Social and emotional development

- [Using Books – Emotions](#)
- [Sharing Space](#)
- [Making a Train](#)

Approaches to learning

- [The Wind](#)
- [Mold Gardens](#)
- [Counting Caterpillar](#)

Thinking abilities and general knowledge

- [Board Games](#)
- [Link-by-Link Calendar](#)
- [Measure it Scavenger Hunt](#)

Communication, language, and literacy

- [Loon's Necklace](#)
- [Book Factory](#)
- [Jumping Jack Syllables](#)
- [Word Play](#)