



# Learn Through Play 2020

# December—Toddler

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> Make a brag book for your child. Include pictures of all family members. Point at pictures and say their names.	<b>2</b> Pretend your child's teddy bear or doll is real: feed them a cookie, give them a drink, put them to bed, etc.	<b>3</b> When you and your child walk up or down stairs, count them as you go!	<b>4</b> When taking toys out of a toy box, name them and place in front of your child.	<b>5</b> Set a box or basket on its side and roll a ball into it. Make a stack of blocks and roll the ball to knock them over.
<b>6</b> Place blocks in a container, one by one, and then dump them out again. Children will do this over and over!	<b>7</b> Show your toddler pictures of items in a book or magazine that he can find around the house.	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> Build a tower of blocks with your child. See if they can stack and balance more than five blocks.	<b>10</b> Make some rolled-up sock "balls" and encourage your child to throw them into a basket or a box. See how far they can stand back to hit the target.	<b>11</b> Let your child put on bigger shoes or slippers and try walking around in them. Say, "Look what a big girl/boy!"	<b>12</b> Place a broom on the floor and encourage your child to step or jump over the handle as well as the bristles.
<b>13</b> Sing some rhymes together! Start with "Pat-a-cake" and then make up your own!	<b>14</b> Turn the music on and dance! Hold your child's arm and move to the music, dip them, twirl them, bounce. Enjoy!	<b>15</b> Try a new fruit or vegetable with your child at lunch today.	<b>16</b> Call grandma or grandpa or another family member. Let your child listen and "talk" on the phone with them.	<b>17</b> Cut a card or a cereal box picture into three or four pieces and see if your child can put it back together.	<b>18</b> Listen to music together and allow your child to tap a wooden spoon on a pail or bowl in rhythm to the music.	<b>19</b> Make a color shaker using a clear bottle such as a vitamin bottle. Fill with water, sequins, glitter, etc. Seal and glue lid. Encourage your child to shake.
<b>20</b> When doing laundry, have your child help fold washcloths.	<b>21</b> When your child is on the floor, crawl around them on your hands and knees and talk to them.	<b>22</b> Create a special maze with blocks or books. Have your child drive a toy car through from one side to the other.	<b>23</b> Make a snow angel with your little one, dressed in their snowsuit, hat and mittens. Take a picture for a keepsake.	<b>24</b> Dance the "Hokey Pokey" with your child! Show them how to put the different parts "in" when you sing about each part.	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> Sing to your child when washing their face and hands or when bathing. "This is the way we wash our hands..."
<b>27</b> Make a puppet or stuffed animal (or even a sock!) talk or sing to your child.	<b>28</b> Color with your child! Allow them to scribble. Show them how to draw circles and lines.	<b>29</b> Tickle your child. Name their body parts as you tickle. See if you can get them to smile, giggle and laugh. Precious!	<b>30</b> Check out some books about winter! Read together under a cozy blanket.	<b>31</b> Do the monthly activity to the right. Enjoy painting!		
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## 2-Liter Bottle Snowflakes

Materials:  
2-Liter bottle  
Paint  
Paintable Surface

1. Lay down a paintable surface such as paper or a plate.
2. Put the bottom of the bottle into the paint and use it as a stamp on the paper.
3. With your child you can create a snowstorm on the paper!