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Peekaboo Game

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This activity helps children learn vocabulary, letter-sound relationships, and storytelling skills through simple objects from your home.

What you'll need:

4 objects from your home, for example:
small teddy bear, keys, an apple, a shoe
4 scarves or handkerchiefs

What to do:

Place each item on the ground and cover with the scarf or handkerchief.
Put your child on your lap or next to you and say this chant with a steady rhythm.

*I was walking in the park one day
And what do you think I found
Lots of things on the ground
Lying all around*

*I brought them home and covered them up
To play a game with you
Name the things that I found
With this game called Peekaboo*

Uncover each item one at a time from left to right so your child can name the item. Each time you uncover an item, say "Peekaboo! What did I find?" Then cover them up again. For a younger child, repeat the same action. For the older child, ask where each item is hiding. For example: Ask "Where is the teddy bear?" Your child will point to the scarf or handkerchief and as you lift the scarf, say "Peekaboo! I found you!"

Add more challenge by mixing the items around, then ask where each item is.
Have fun with your child putting all the objects away. Play again using different objects.

Variations:

For older children, after playing the game, go around the house and find other objects. Challenge your older child by adding even more objects for them to remember. Reverse roles so that your child asks you where an object is and you will have to point to the correct scarf or handkerchief.

Another variation can include finding objects that rhyme. After uncovering the objects, ask your child which items go together because they rhyme.

Notes:

This activity also develops memory and recall skills.

Suggested books:

Peekaboo Morning by Rachel Isadora
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin
Hooray for Harry by Kim Lewis

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