

Care + emotion + learning = enriched caregiving

An important activity, across the whole day that is continually repeated.

Lets get started

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Each routine or activity of the day can include care, emotion and learning.



Your day has many routines.

Getting up in the morning

Getting dressed or undressed

Diapering and toileting

Washing hands and face

Eating and mealtime

Going to the supermarket

Taking a nap

Doing the laundry

Cleaning up the house

Taking a bath

Going to bed at night

You can help your child learn during all these times.



You probably already do many good things to help your children learn.

A lot of these happen during caregiving.

You talk about the child's feelings

You name colours

You say what will happen next

You ask your child to count things

You use rhyming words

You tell the child the names of things

You let your child solve problems

WAKING UP



Make up a silly song or rhyme about getting up.



ACTIVITY 2

Name events in order.



GETTING DRESSED

ACTIVITY 3

Let him make a choice.

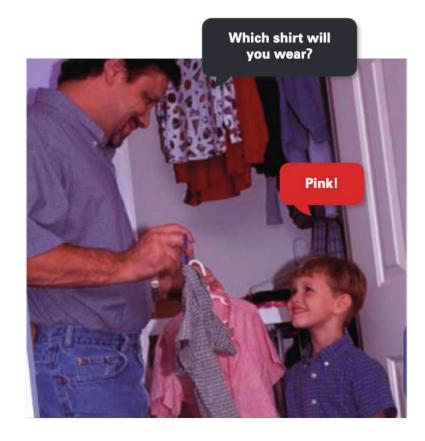
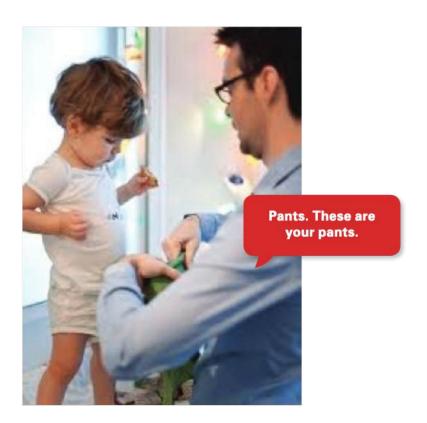


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ACTIVITY 4

Tell your child that you notice what he is doing.



ACTIVITY 5

Talk about or ask about texture and colours.

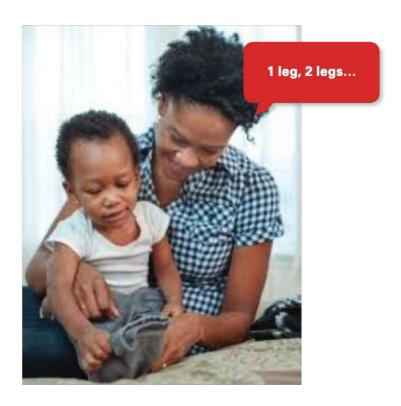
What colour is this shirt?





ACTIVITY 6

Count things while dressing. 2 socks, 2 sleeves, 2...



Count larger numbers (buttons, pockets, stripes)

ACTIVITY 7

Point out large letters and words on clothes.

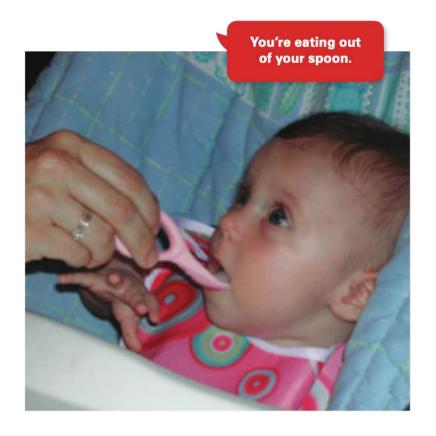




EATING AND MEALTIMES

ACTIVITY 8

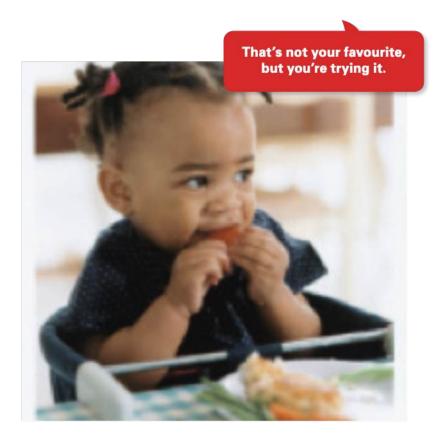
Name and talk about: food, cup, spoon.





ACTIVITY 9

Talk about feelings and opinions.



ACTIVITY 10

Give age-appropriate responsibilities.





How many slices of pizza

ACTIVITY 11

Name the foods.



ACTIVITY 12

Count things. Let older children help younger ones.

are there still in the box?

What other things could children count at meals or at snack time?



When you have time, show your child how to do some of the fun parts of cooking.



BATHING OR WASHING



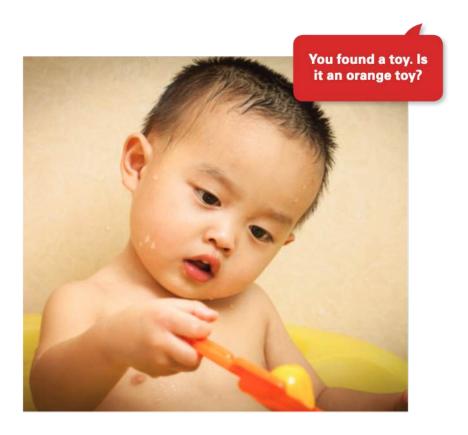
ACTIVITY 14

Talk about how things feel.



ACTIVITY 15

Name the things your child plays with in the bath.





Talk and ask about body parts.

Where are your ears? There they are.



Now your chin will be clean.



ACTIVITY 17

Make jokes. Talk about funny things!

You're wearing a pointy bubble hat!



Count things.

How many kids are in the bath?



Let's count the bath toys.





Ask yourself: Am I doing these things?

I give my children information about what is happening in care routines ("We are going to")	
I explain processes during care routines (first-next-last)	
During care, I help my children learn about: Colours Sizes and shapes Emotions Cooperation Counting Rhyming	

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