Teaching Aides to Support Early Childhood Development
Shapes, Colors, and Sizes

Use this aide to teach toddlers about colors, shapes, and sizes. You can keep these sheets as they are, or you can cut up each shape and let the child move them around. The aide can help your child develop their small muscles, ability to think and problem-solve, and use language and communicate.

Ask the child questions like:

1. Which of the shapes are blue? Yellow? Orange Green? Red? Purple?

2. Of these three triangles, which is the smallest? Which is the biggest?

3. Can you show me which one is the triangle? the square? the circle?

4. Can you find me a circle that fits inside another circle?

5. Can you put this square on top of the circle?

6. Let's look around. Do you see anything in our house (or wherever you are) that looks like a circle? a triangle? A square?

7. You showed me the yellow square. Do you see anything in our house (or wherever you are) that is also yellow? What about blue? Orange? Green? Red? Purple?

8. How many triangles can you count? How about squares? Circles?
Numbers, Colors, and Things

Use this aide to teach toddlers about numbers. The aide can also be used to encourage your child's curiosity, teach them new words, and identify colors.

Below find some example questions you can use with this aide. Feel free to mix and match the details of the questions as you see fit! Feel free to create your own too!

1. How many lions do you see here? How many birds do you see here? How many flowers do you see here? And so on.

2. Where does the lion live? What sound does the lion make?

3. What color is the bird? What do birds like to do? What sound does the bird make? If you could fly, where would you go?

4. Would you rather have 3 flowers or 4 flowers?

5. There are four trees. What grows on trees? What is your favorite fruit?

6. Do you like bananas? What color is the banana? When was the last time you ate a banana? Should we practice peeling a banana now?

7. We counted 7 footballs. Should we play with a ball now?

8. What do we use a chair for? Where are other places we can sit?
Number Cards

- Cut the numbers on the following page into small cards. Place the cards on a table and ask your child to place 1 bean by the "number 1", 2 beans by the "number 2," 3 beans by the "number 3," and so on.

- Mix up the cards and ask your child to put them in the correct order.
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Ugandan or African Folktales and Stories for Children

Below find a list of Ugandan folktales and stories. Some you can download from the web for free. Others are available for purchase … but you can find free YouTube videos of storytellers reading the book to children.

The King of Snakes by Rosetta Baskerville
http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/baskerville/king/king.html#III

A collection of Ugandan folktales. Use your judgment about which folktales could be used with small children to ask questions and discuss, as well as have themes appropriate for young children.

From the author: The rest (folktales) is a small selection from a large number I have picked up during some years in the country–from old wives sitting over their cooking-pots in smoky kitchens, from porters round the camp fire at night, and from that charming mixed multitude which made up 'the good old days.

World of Tales – Welcome to the African Folktales Page!
Nigerian, South African, and Tanzanian folktales
https://www.worldoftales.com/African_folktales.html#gsc.tab=0

Sing to the Moon by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdhal
Read by Adjoa Andoh
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krzDl_2b4bs

Publisher summary: For one little Ugandan boy, no wish is too big. First, he dreams of reaching the stars and then of riding a supernova straight to Mars. But on a rainy day at his grandfather’s house, he is brought down to earth with a bump. Do adventures only happen in galaxies far away or can he find magic a little closer to home? A touching story of a grandfather's love for his grandson and the quiet pleasures of a rainy day.
Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74JsnswOOk

Publisher summary: A young girl's dream of attending school in her small Ugandan village is fulfilled after her family is given an income-producing goat. Based on a true story about the work of Project Heifer. More than anything, Beatrice longs to be a schoolgirl. But in her small African village, only children who can afford uniforms and books can go to school. Beatrice knows that with six children to care for, her family is much too poor. But then Beatrice receives a wonderful gift from some people far away—a goat! Fat and sleek as a ripe mango, Mugisa (which means "luck") gives milk that Beatrice can sell. With Mugisa's help, it looks as if Beatrice's dream may come true after all.

Kintu and Nambi (13 minutes)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpB7RCYOks
Read in English by Taata Musa

The Rooster And The Hare - Wa Nkoko Ne Wakaima (7 minutes)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpB7RCYOks
Read in English and Luganda by Taata Musa.

The Story of Kaleeba – Olugero Lwa Kaleeba
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZooj-FkWzg
Read in English and Luganda by Taata Musa.
Below find several Ugandan songs that play on YouTube. Play these songs for your child and sing along with them. Help your child learn the words. Doing so will help your child grow in their ability to use words and communicate. It will also help build their memory.

And dance to the songs! Dancing helps with physical growth and movement.

**Nankya Dancing to Njabala Njabala for Kids ~ The Adventures of Nkoza & Nankya**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgbH5VArrfs&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgbH5VArrfs&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo)

**Luganda Version of Kids itsy bitsy Spider Nursery Rhyme ~ Nankya Dancing to Nabbubi Yazimba Ku muti**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_nZjtZIsJU&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_nZjtZIsJU&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=3)

**Luganda Nursery Rhymes - Embaata ento**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ux-RwB2vF98&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ux-RwB2vF98&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=4)

**Luganda Nursery Rhymes - Ali wa omuto Saala**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ri-Zvc9pa8&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ri-Zvc9pa8&list=PLUsoGvB3T1lqyF_Y4KXbibj_eh9ssFBwo&index=5)

**Elephant - Enjovu Luganda nursery rhymes album(Lullaby)**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZSDAeUYh6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZSDAeUYh6Q)
Mama yankeza nyo nkunkya
Mother Woke Me Up

Change reference from Mother to FATHER!

Mama yankeza nyo nkunkya
eyo munsi zewale nya
empulira obunyonyi
nga buyimba bwebuthi
tri-li chi-li tri-li chi-li
nange bwe nyimba bwentyo

Mother woke me up
Very early in the morning
To the far away land
I heard the birds singing like this
Tri-li Chi-li tri-li chi-li
And that's how I sing too.
Relationship and Feelings Photos

Use these photos to spark discussion on how the father relates to his toddler (as a teacher, designer and/or gardener) and in what area of toddler development (physical growth and movement, thinking and problem-solving, relationships and feeling and/or communication.)

The photos are particularly relevant for sparking discussion on the relationships and feelings area of development.

Feel free to adjust the photos to be smaller or larger.

Cut the photos and spread them on a table or simply flip through the pages of this booklet.
Puzzles

On the next two pages you will find a diagram of a flower and cat. Layers on top of both diagrams are dashed lines.

Cut this diagram along the dashed line to create 6 pieces (flower) or 4 pieces (cat). Now you have a puzzle! Work with your child to the puzzle back together to create the flower or the cat. You can then ask your child questions about the puzzle. For example:

1. What color is the flower?
2. What color are the leaves?
3. Do we have any flowers like this around our house?

1. What color is the cat?
2. What sound does the cat make?
3. What does the cat like to eat?

You can make puzzles like this from any diagrams that you might find in a newspaper, magazine, or even a photograph.