



Fire Truck Ketchup Finger Painting 2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child can use fine-motor skills and creativity through finger painting a picture, and recognizes the color red.

Materials needed:

Fire truck Cutout (print from resources page)
Ketchup
Paper plate

Procedures:

1. SUPERVISION OF THIS ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES. Try to avoid your child putting any of the ketchup in their mouths; if they do so, redirect them to painting and move their hands away from their mouth. Ketchup is safe enough that if some does end up in their mouth it will not be harmful unless they are allergic to it; though we recommend you try to avoid it if possible.



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2. Have your child wear an old shirt and sit at a small table for this activity; it will be messy!

3. On a paper plate, put down one drop of ketchup.

Ask them: "what color is the ketchup?"

4. Put the fire truck cutout picture in front of child on the tray. Ask them: "what color is a fire truck?"

5. Show them what to do; dip one finger in the ketchup, and paint on the fire truck picture. Tell them: "We are going to paint the fire truck so it is red, using ketchup."

6. Help as needed, let child freely finger paint.

KETCHUP-A fun, no cost way to have fun, for any child! Really...how many times a day do you get to play with your food? How fun!

Milestones to meet:

The child can use their fingers to paint. The child recognizes the color red.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?