



Piñatas

Ages 2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child can create a piñata and uses gross-motor skills to play a game with it.

Materials needed:

Twist tie or rubber band

Brown paper bag

Some sort of "treat-like" item to stuff inside the bag, like animal cookies or crackers

Small child-size bat (or) long wooden spoon

Long string for hanging (this needs to be long enough so that you can adjust the height of the piñata for your child to be able to swing at it)

Procedures:

1. Stuff the brown paper bag with the items before hand. If willing, your child can help you put the items in the bag. They can even decorate the outside of the bag with stickers or craft materials too before stuffing it with treats!

2. Tie it with a twist tie or rubber band.

Tie one end of the string on a low tree branch and the other to the end of the bag that's tied up with the twist tie or rubber band.



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4. You can also hang from a low pole or door handle inside of your house.
5. Explain to your child to swat or swing at the "piñata" or bag. You may need to model it for them.
6. Tell them to keep hitting at it, until it breaks open! Don't forget to remind them that there's a SURPRISE INSIDE!
7. Let your child have a go at it until it breaks open!
8. If needed, put in little tears or holes in the bag so that it will break open when hit, and they can get the treats inside once they fall out!

Milestones to meet:

The child tries to and shows willingness to use their fine and gross-motor skills to swing at an object.

Evaluation:

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