



# Social & Emotional Babydoll Talk & Play Ages 1 year to 2 years

**Objective:** The child will make awareness of their surroundings and build social skills through pretend play with baby dolls.

**Materials needed:**

Baby dolls and/or Stuffed animals

**Procedures**

1. Sit in an open area free of any toys or distractions for your child. Sit where there is an open wall.
2. Begin by sitting all of the baby dolls and/or stuffed animals up against the wall facing you and your child.
3. Hold your child in your lap while sitting.
4. Start talking to your child, pointing to the dolls/animals and saying: "Look at all of your friends. Can you say hi? Let's count them." Point to each with your finger/arm and count.
5. Now let your child go. Watch to see what they do. Use words to talk to them as they explore.



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6. Such as phrases you can tell and say to your child:  
"Can you give the baby a hug?"

"We have to be so careful and nice to the baby."

"Can you give the baby a kiss?"

"Nice. Be gentle. We have to take care of & help our friends. This is our friend."

7. This kind of phrasing as they are interacting with the dolls will help build social skills to real-life beings as they get older.

8. Model to your child what it is you want them to do. Pick up a doll, hug it, kiss it, rock it like a baby, and use phrases as stated above to teach and tell your child what you are doing.

### **Milestones to meet:**

The child shows interest in baby dolls. The child models awareness of how to act and treat the dolls.

### **Evaluation:**

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