



Pinecone Discovery

Ages 1 to 2 years

Objective: The child builds tactile awareness and language development through pinecone discovery.

Materials needed:

Pinecones (you can get these in any seasonal fall section of any store—Wal-Mart, Target, Michael's)

Procedures

1. Sit with your child on the floor.
2. Put the pinecones down in front of you and your child.
3. Encourage child to grab the pinecones and pick them up. Use words to describe how they may feel to your child. "Hard, sharp, round, brown" are all adjectives. Ask child: "How do they feel?"
4. Let your child explore and discover with the pinecones on their own. If they try to put them in their mouths (and they may), redirect and pull their hands away. If they do so happen to get some in their mouths, remove any pieces. This is a form of learning, through taste.



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They just learned pinecones do not taste so great after all! =)

5. Now take your child to their highchair. Have them sit to avoid distractions.

6. Put one pinecone down in front of them. Teach action words to build math vocabulary development in your child. While you say the words, do the actions with the pinecone to teach/show them.

- Back and forth (roll the pinecone back and forth, and say the words)
- Roll Over and Over (do as it says with the pinecone)
- If you have two different sized pinecones, teach concepts of big and small.
- Up and Down (hold up the pinecone and say the word "up", now hold the pinecone down and say the word "down" to your child)
- Ask child to repeat words after you, and encourage them to mimic the actions after you do them



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Milestones to meet:

The child builds tactile awareness through pinecone exploration. The child builds language development of math concepts through visual and auditory learning. The child tries to repeat words and mimics actions of an adult.

Evaluation:

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