



## **Social and Emotional Development Activity for 54 to 60 Months**

### **Sharing Space**

*This activity provides "hands-on" experience of the concept of sharing.*

#### **Materials:**

- Carpet squares or large squares of paper/newspaper
- CD/music

#### **What to do:**

1. Place carpet squares or paper around a large, open space. There should be fewer carpet squares than playmates.
2. Explain that the children will move around to music but, when the music stops, everyone will find a carpet square or paper to stand on and share with other children. Show the children how several people can be on one carpet square or paper together at the same time.
3. Play music and encourage the children to move to the music.
4. Stop the music and tell the children to find a carpet square or paper to stand on. Remind them that more than one child will be on a square and they will need to share the space!
5. Remove one of the carpet squares and again play a segment of the music.
6. Stop the music. (Each child shares a carpet square or paper.)
7. Continue to remove a square each time until there is only one square (if you have a big enough space to have a huge square) or two or three squares remaining and all the children share the same space.

