



Social and Emotional Development Activity for 30 to 36 Months

Three Nice Mice

This is a wonderful rhyme to teach children in a group setting. Older siblings will enjoy teaching this fun interaction to their brothers and sisters.

Materials:

- None

What to do:

1. Sing the following: *"Three nice mice. Three nice mice."* As you say each sentence, hold up three fingers on each hand as you say each sentence. Have the child mirror your actions and hold up three fingers also.
2. Form a circle with your hands and have the child do the same. Sing, *"See how they care. See how they care."* Bring the circles up to your eyes as if to look through binoculars at the mice.
3. Reach out and hands while singing, *"They hold both hands and give a shake."*
4. Move your clasped hands up and down in a handshake.
5. Continue holding hands and swinging them slightly from side to side as you keep rhythm with the rhyme, *"Smiling together, good friends they make."*
6. Release your hands while each of you makes a complete turn as you sing, *"Then turning around."* When you are again face-to-face, give each other a gentle, loving high-five while singing, *"for goodness' sake."*
7. Return to holding up three fingers on each hand: *"Three nice mice. Three nice mice."*

