



# History/Social Science at Home Toddlers (15 mos. - 3 yrs.)

## How Children Learn

Toddlers learn about history and social science through their experiences in their families, schools, and communities. They are beginning to recognize themselves as a member of a larger group.

## Activities & Experiences

Create a road for toy vehicles using tape, ramps, tunnels, or other materials.

Provide home/family props for dramatic play (food, pots, pans, babies, blankets).

Read books that describe real-life kids and families and where they live.

Show your child photos from when they were a baby, as well as current photos of themselves. Discuss similarities and differences between the photos.

Look at family photos, share musical talents, read a special story, or sing a song that's special to your family.

## How can we support exploration and social-emotional learning?

- Verbalize what a child seems to be feeling as they act out scary or hard situations like getting a shot at the doctor's office.
- Encourage and extend pretend play, following your child's lead.
- Give your child jobs and responsibilities (cleaning up, setting the table, etc.).

Let's count to 3 and the shot will be over. 1, 2, 3 - all done!

It looks like you're going to the store - what will you buy there?

It's time to be a clean-up helper and put all the blocks in the bin!