



At Home Activity Packet

Creative Curriculum

Study Question: Why is sharing important?

Book	Song	Activity #1	Activity #2	Developmental Domains
The Rainbow Fish	Song: Sharing Song	Beginning to Share	Others Have Needs, Too	Social and Emotional Development Language and Literacy Approaches to learning Cognition
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Beginning to Share

*This one is yours, and
this one is Robbie's.*



*Can you give
Robbie his banana?*

Notice and talk about all the ways your child is beginning to share.

Your talk will give him ideas and words to use later when he begins to form friendships with other children.

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Why this is important

A toddler does not know how to take turns, divide snacks, or give away toys he wants. He must learn that sharing means giving freely by choice. He may not consistently behave generously for many years, but with practice he will learn early that sharing can be a pleasant experience. Encouraging your child to share feelings and objects with you provides your child with a pattern for later sharing ideas and materials with friends.

What you do

- Model sharing by being physically near when your child plays. Offer to let him park his small car on your knee, or let him hide a block in your pocket.
- Encourage him to share his toys with you by asking questions about them and touching them. If he offers it to you, thank him and hold the toy briefly before returning it to him.
- Help him practice sharing with others by giving him two of something. Tell him one is for him and the other is for a friend or family member. *This graham cracker is yours and this one is for Daddy. Can you give it to him?*
- Make each sharing experience a positive one by focusing on the generosity he shows and describing why it was good to share. *Thank you for sharing the graham crackers with Daddy. He was hungry, too, just like you.*

Another idea

Look for opportunities to share throughout your day together. Your child can pick wildflowers for a neighbor or offer a toy to a pet.

Let's read together!

How Kind!
by Mary Murphy

Game 79



Others Have Needs, Too

I need a can opener.

Teach your child how to express her needs by expressing yours.

This helps her understand that others have needs, too.

Why this is important

As your child becomes more aware of her needs, you can help her learn to express them by modeling words that she can someday use. When she begins to understand the needs of others and responds appropriately, your child moves toward having the important ability to listen to others and empathize.

What you do

- Let your child hear you express your needs. Talk in simple terms about what you need, and give her a reasonable way to help. *I need a can opener. Could you get a can opener from the drawer, please?*
- Show appreciation when your child helps you meet a need. *Thank you for helping me when I needed to find my shoes.*
- Help her learn to think about what others need by explaining a situation and asking her about the need. *Here's my bowl of soup. What do I need to eat it with?*
- Ask your child questions about different needs. *It's raining outside. What do I need to keep me dry?*

Another idea

Think of other situations in which your child could help such as riding in the car, visiting a friend, or packing a lunch. *I'm packing a fruit salad in your brother's lunch. What does he need to eat it with?*

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What Do You Need?
by Emanuela Bassolati

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