

Simon Says

Developing Number Sense

What You Need:

- Open space.

What You Do:

1. This game is a version of the traditional game of “Simon Says” without the need to say, “Simon Says” and with a concentration on whatever numbers your child is currently working on.
2. Child stands in front of you.
3. Say, “Simon Says to pat your head 3 times.” Make up different actions for your child to do (jump, hop, pat your tummy, touch your toes, give me 2 kisses one on each cheek, etc.). Vary the number of the action, focusing on whatever quantity your child is working on.
4. Repeat while interest lasts.

Variation:

- Let your child be Simon and give you actions to do.
- Add in the requirement that whoever is giving the directions has to say “Simon Says” before giving the direction to do the action. If they do the action without Simon Saying to do it, they must sit down and count as high as they can, clapping his hands for each number named. Then the game resumes. Or the penalty could be to trade places so now your child is giving the directions. Be sure to deliberately do the action without Simon saying to do it so your child gets to receive directions again.