

Mother May I Developing Number Sense

What You Need:

- Open space big enough for your child to take 10 or more steps.

What You Do:

1. This game is a version of the traditional game of “Mother May I” without the need to ask, “Mother May I” and with a concentration on whatever numbers your child is currently working on.
2. Child stands at one end of the space. You stand at the other end.
3. Say, “Suzy, you may take 2 giant steps.” Make up different types of steps (big, small, hop, turn around, etc.). Vary the number of steps, focusing on whatever quantity your child is working on.
4. When the child reaches you, high-five each other and repeat.

Variation:

1. Let your child be the mother and give you steps to take.
2. Add in the traditional rule that the child needs to ask, “Mother may I” before following the directions. If the child fails to ask, “Mother may I”, she goes back to the starting line.