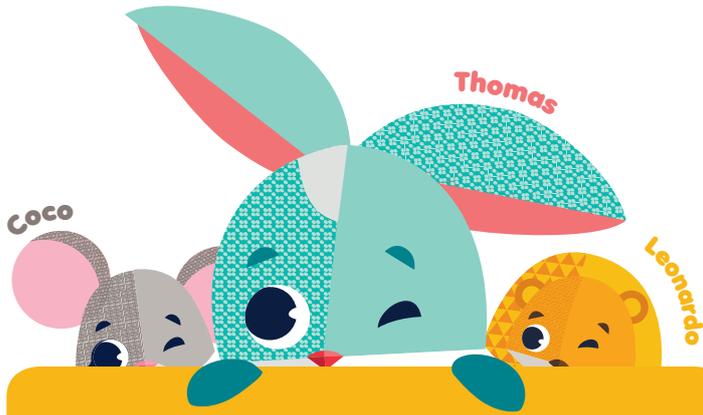


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Fun play cards for storytelling time

Use these developmental tips & play ideas to support your toddlers' development!



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Peek-a-boo -

Ask your child to close his eyes and hide Thomas in a different location each time: under clothes, in a box or in a drawer. Tell your child to search for Thomas by using Thomas's sounds as cues. This will teach your child sound recognition and spatial orientation.



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Giggling -

Present Thomas to teach your child about the different body parts. When pressing on Thomas's belly, say: "What happens when I press Thomas's belly? He giggles." This game will develop your child's cognition while learning cause and effect and building vocabulary.



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Bouncing -

Make Thomas bounce at a different pace each time - sometimes slowly and other times faster. Now ask your child to mimic the jumping pace. This will foster your child's development of rhythm, coordination and physical control.



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Sneezing -

Press on Thomas's nose to hear "Achooo!", then on your nose while imitating the sneezing sound, and finally on your child's nose, encouraging your child to do the same. This way, your child will practice socialization (taking turns) and learn cause and effect.



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Eating -

Give your child the carrot to feed Thomas and listen to the sound he makes. Accompany the action by saying, "Thomas is so hungry now, let's feed him!". With this activity, your child learns simulation - the understanding and practice of a daily situation.



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Going to Sleep -

Lay Thomas on a balanced surface, and while you wait for Thomas to fall asleep and snore, give your child a verbal explanation about the importance of patience. This helps your child learn about waiting and experience delayed gratification.



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Shaking -

Show your child what happens when you shake Thomas, and ask him to shake Thomas from different positions. For example, let your child hold Thomas in different hands, or above his head, and then down low. Activities that use both right and left sides develop your child's symmetry.

