

Toddler hand control

1 - 3 years

TIME: 10 - 15 minutes

SKILL: Hand-eye coordination, fine

motor control of hands

REQUIREMENTS: Comfortable place to sit with your toddler on your lap or beside you. Picture books with large, colourful images. Favourite hand-sized toys of your child (e.g. small figures, toy cars).

Directions

- 1. Sit with your toddler, and read favourite picture books.
- 2. Point at the pictures and discuss the images.
- 3. Ask your child to turn the pages. Don't worry if your child decides to turn through all of the pages quickly before you have read them.

Variation

• Sit with your toddler and pass favourite hand-sized toys back and forth. Discuss each toy.

Benefits

• This activity helps your toddler to develop fine motor control in the hands, as well as hand-eye coordination.