

OBJECT PERMANENCE ACTIVITY

You will need to arrange for several infants to be in class for this activity. You will also need some small toys and a small blanket.

Model the following activity for the class:

1. Sit on the floor facing an infant. Give him/her a toy that is interesting and familiar. Let him/her play with the toy for a few minutes.
2. While he/she watches, take the toy and lay it partially under a blanket within his/her reach. Encourage him/her verbally to look for the toy.
3. If he/she does not find the toy, repeat the procedure 4-5 times. Encourage his/her attempts to find the toy.
4. Play peek-a-boo with the infant.

Repeat the procedure with infants of different ages from 3-12 months of age.

Have the students write down the infant's reactions and discuss their conclusions after the activity is complete.