



## Literacy Grab & Go Infants (0 - 1½-year-olds)

**Activity Title:** Mystery Toy

**Activity Purpose:** Help promote curiosity, language, and object permanence with this fun way to play with familiar objects.

### Rationale

Similar to peekaboo, this activity helps your child understand that people and objects exist even when they can't see or hear them. Once a child develops this understanding, this activity helps them see how hidden objects can be described and guessed.

**Materials:**  toys or familiar objects

**Description of Activity:**

1. Place three familiar toys under a sheet, towel or another covering.
2. Wonder aloud about what object is hidden, describing what you can about the hidden object.
  - You can say things like, "I wonder what's under the sheet. It is small. It has a round top."
3. Then, countdown from three and reveal the toy, naming what it is.
  - For example, "3-2-1...it's a toy car!"

**Lagniappe:** You can add mystery play to any activity. From hiding and revealing the shoes that will be worn to snacks your child will eat.