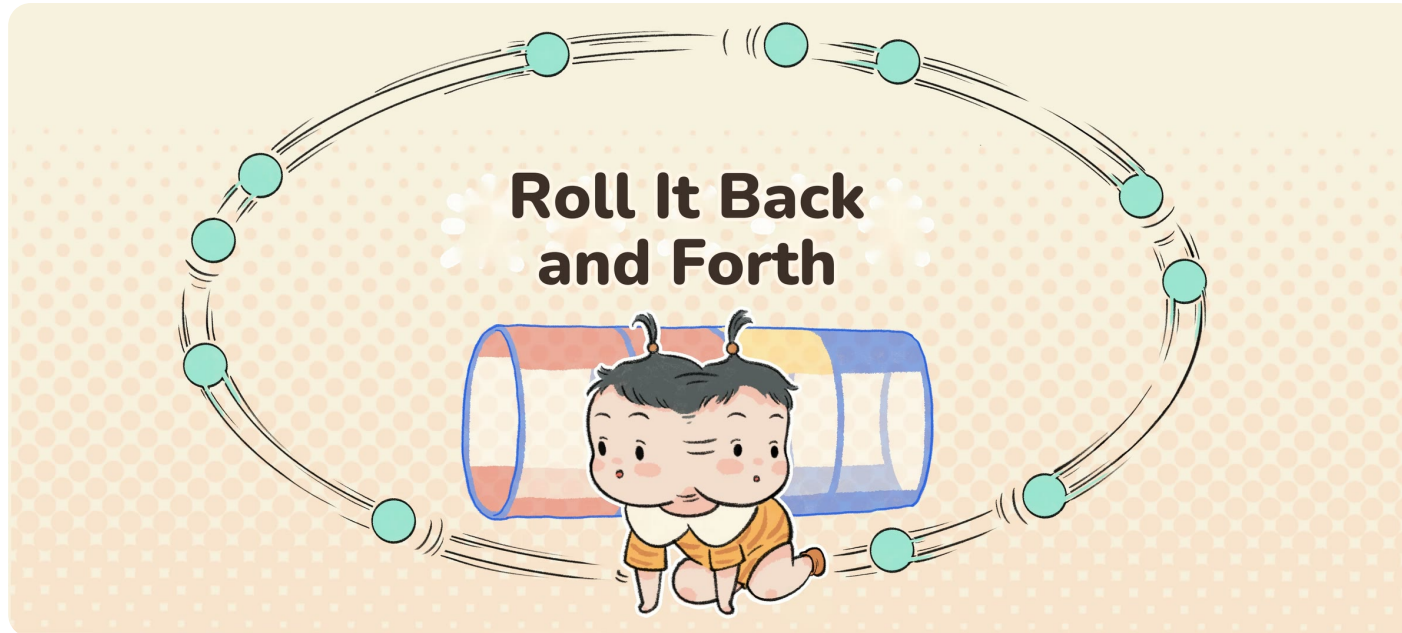




## Roll It Near, Roll It Far

Roll a ball back and forth, chase it through a tunnel, and watch it curve along the tunnel wall. Your baby can explore how one object travels through several kinds of space.

### Helps Your Child Grow



#### Emergent Mathematical Thinking

Watching and following a ball that rolls in several directions gives your baby experience tracking movement through space.



#### Gross Motor

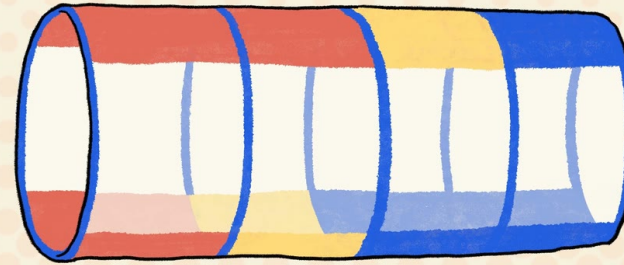
Crawling after the ball gives your baby a motivating reason to move through and explore the surrounding space.



## What You'll Need



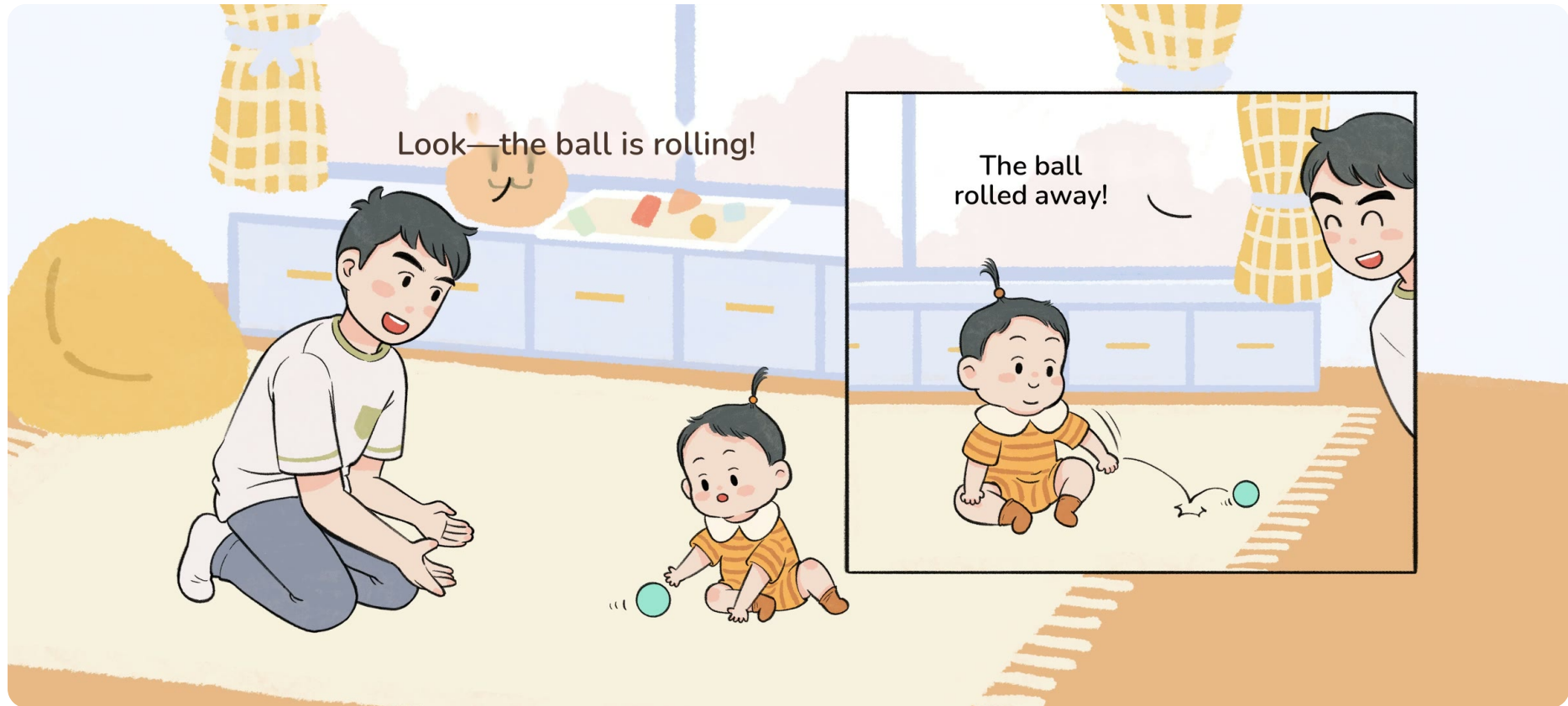
Ball



Crawl tunnel

## What You'll Need

1. A small ball and a crawling tunnel



## Near and Far

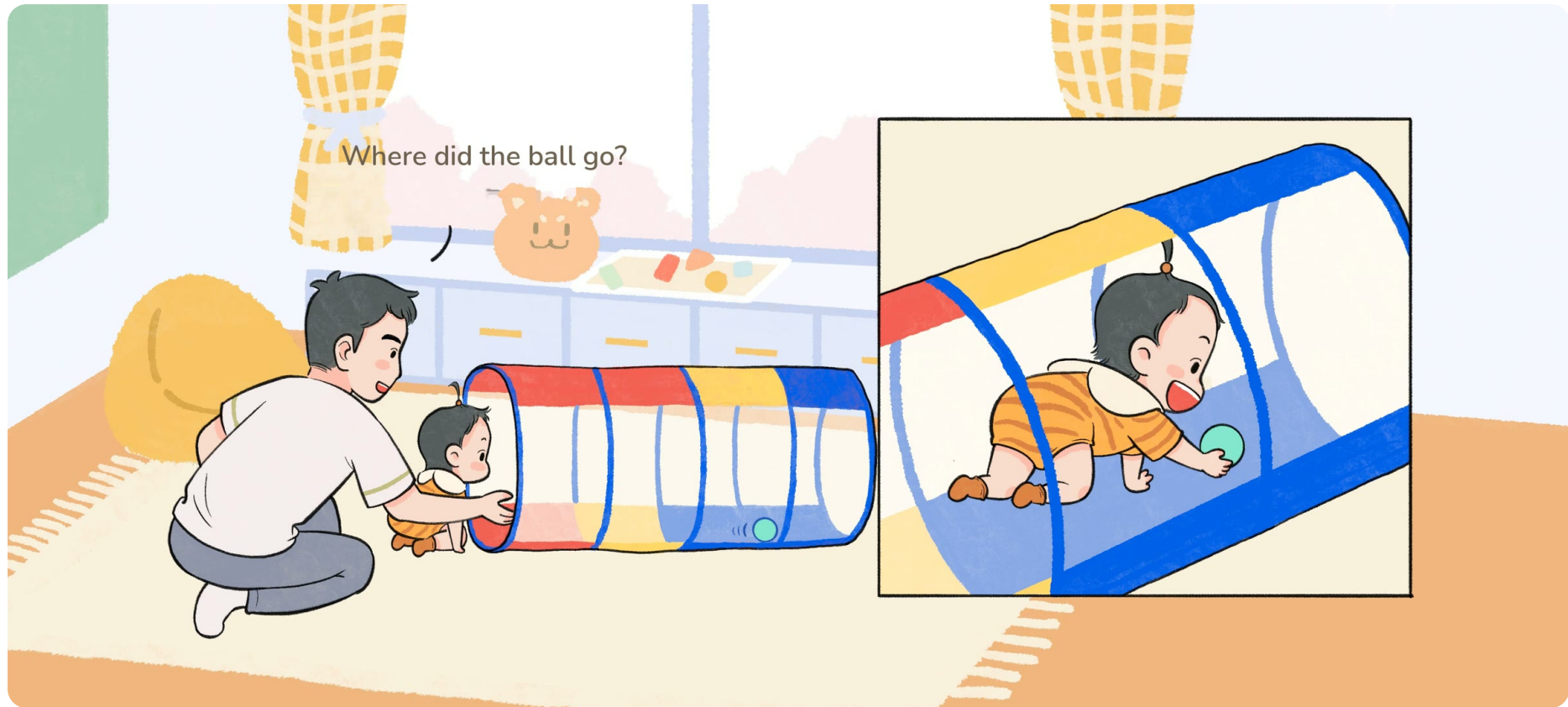
Roll the ball toward your baby. After they catch it, invite them to send it away. Retrieve the ball and roll it back so the two of you create a simple back-and-forth game.

### Observations

- Watches the ball roll back and forth
- Moves their body toward the ball and grasps it

### Tips

- Instead of always retrieving the ball yourself, invite your baby to crawl in the direction it rolled and chase it with you.
- Pair the motion with simple words: “The ball rolled near.” “The ball rolled far.”



## Find the Ball in the Tunnel

Roll the ball into the crawling tunnel and invite your baby to crawl in after it. From the other end, call, “It’s up ahead. Keep crawling.” If the search is fun, roll the ball back through the tunnel for another turn.

### Observations

- Crawls through the tunnel while searching for the ball
- Looks toward the ball when you say “ball”

### Tips

- The tunnel creates clear boundaries for experiencing inside and outside, front and back.



## Watch the Ball Curve

After crawling, try another version. Release the ball at one side of the tunnel opening so it curves down the inner wall and rolls back and forth. Repeat and see whether your baby can catch it before it stops.

### Observations

- Watches the ball's path and reaches before it stops rolling
- Releases the ball from different places in the tunnel and watches what happens

### Tips

- Begin from a lower point on the tunnel wall so the ball travels slowly enough to follow.
- When your baby catches the ball, respond right away and celebrate the result.