



Where Did the Little Fish Go 2

Cover a toy with a small cup. Where did it go?

Helps Your Child Grow



Memory

Finding a hidden toy helps your child understand that an object still exists when it is out of sight. Each search also exercises short-term memory and strengthens their understanding of object permanence.

Steps

- Prepare two paper cups in different colors or mark them with different symbols. Choose two familiar small toys, such as a car and a fish.
- While your child watches, hide one toy under each cup. Narrate the locations: “The car drove into the red house. The fish swam into the blue house.”
- Ask, “Where is the car?” Let your child point or lift a cup. After they find it, name the location and ask where the other toy is.
- If they choose the wrong cup, say, “The fish isn’t here. Let’s check the other one,” then hide the toys and try again.
- Once the game is familiar, slowly switch the two cups while your child watches and see whether they can continue tracking the fish.

Tips

- Once your baby can easily find the toy under two cups, add a third toy and cup. You can also use identical cups to make the clues less obvious.

Observations

- Points to the cup hiding the fish after remembering where it was placed
- Shows you the “little fish” happily after finding it