



TOY GUIDE SHEET

Celebrating Diversity

Floor Puzzle

REMEMBER TO:

1. Try to sit with your child between you and your Early Learning Specialist.
2. Place the toy on the floor or surface and invite your child to explore.
3. Follow your child's lead as much as you can.
4. Allow your child to do as much as he or she can do on his/her own. If your child becomes frustrated, help him or her.
5. Listen and respond to your child as he or she plays.

Name and encourage your child to name:

- **Labels:** box, puzzle pieces, children, slide, scooter, wheelchair, glasses, hijab, helmet, watering can, sunflower, ball, butterfly, paint, paintbrush
- **Colors:** blue sky, red slide, orange shirt, pink hijab, green paint, yellow sunflower
- **Shapes and sizes:** square box, round wheels, round ball, small butterfly, big puzzle pieces, tall trees
- **Numbers:** How many butterflies do you see? How many wheels does the scooter have?
- **Textures:** smooth, hard
- **Cause and effect:** When the child pushes the wheels, the wheelchair will move.
- **Spatial relationships:** The child is pouring water into the flowerpot.

Describe your actions and encourage your child to describe his or her actions:

- **General:** Let's take all the puzzle pieces out of the box. What do you see?
- **Matching:** Can you find another heart?
- **Fitting:** Turn the puzzle piece until it fits into the correct space.
- **Sounds:** How do you think the children sound when they are laughing?

Remind your child to think about what he or she is doing:

- **To pay attention to the activity:** Can you find the rainbow?
- **To pretend:** Let's pretend to fly like a butterfly.
- **To make a choice:** Do you want to look at the picture on the box before completing the puzzle?
- **To have self-control:** I know you can fit that piece in if you keep trying.
- **To do things in the right order:** Let's look at all the puzzle pieces before you decide which piece to put in first.

- **To remember other experiences:** Have you ever been on a slide? How was it?

Remember throughout the home visit to:

ENCOURAGE your child to talk.

PRAISE your child.

ASK your child questions.

HELP your child when needed.

LISTEN to your child's answers.

RESPOND to your child's answers.

Have fun! Show your child how much you enjoy playing together.