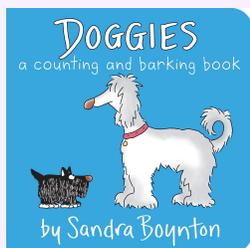




Doggies

Field Trip Idea: Visit a friend or family member who has a dog as a pet.

Book to add to your child's library: *Doggies* by Sandra Boynton



MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Songs and gentle movement to help your baby feel rhythm, motion, and joy.

BINGO

(Clap your baby's hands as you spell B-I-N-G-O.)

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o!
B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O,
And Bingo was his name-o!

Doggy, Doggy

(Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear)

Doggy, doggy, turn around
(spin your baby around)
Doggy, doggy touch the ground
(touch the floor)
Doggy doggy touch my shoe
(touch your shoe)
Doggy doggy I love you
(Kiss your baby!)

Puppy Crawl & Wiggle

During tummy time or floor play, encourage small wiggles or reaching movements. Narrate playfully: "Wiggle like a puppy!"

Up & Down Puppy

Slowly lift your baby (securely) and gently lower them, saying "Up, puppy! Down, puppy!" Pause between movements.

BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

Simple games and conversations that build early communication skills.

Point & Name: Look at dog pictures (book or cards) and label: "dog," "puppy," "nose," "ears," "tail."

Peek a Boo

Use a stuffed dog and a blanket to play hide and seek with your infant. "Where's the doggy?" "Peek a boo, here he is!"

Bite the Fingers

Pretend to be a dog. Bark, and tell your child "I'm gonna bite your fingers." Pretend to gently growl and nibble at his fingers while he smiles and pulls his hand away. Then go for the toes! Your baby will enjoy squirming to get away!

Look & Name:

Describe what baby is looking at: "You see the light," "You're watching Mommy."

EXPLORATION

Texture Time: Let your baby explore a plush dog toy, focusing on soft fur, floppy ears, or a smooth nose. Describe what they feel: "soft," "fuzzy," "gentle."

Real-Life Watching (if available): From a safe distance, watch a calm dog walk, stretch, or rest. Narrate what's happening in a soothing voice.

Surprise Bag

Fill a bag with dog-themed items for your baby to explore: a small stuffed dog, a soft blanket (to feel like fur), a rubber dog toy, or a dog picture card. Include a picture of a dog and point to it while saying "dog" or "doggie" several times. Make gentle barking sounds and pause to let your baby listen or respond.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

Snuggle & Story: Cuddle close while reading a short dog book, using a calm, expressive voice.

when skies are gray
You'll never know dear
How much I love you,
Please don't take my
sunshine away.

Face to Face Interaction:

Hold your baby closely and sing the song "You Are My Sunshine":

You are my sunshine,
My only sunshine,
You make me happy