



Monkey Around™

LEARNING SKILLS

PHYSICAL

- Gross motor—balancing, hopping, etc.
- Hand-eye coordination—holding, tossing, catching, etc.

COGNITIVE

- Recognizing and matching body parts
- Understanding spatial concepts—on, over, under, etc.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- Listening and following directions
- Imitating
- Pretend play

LANGUAGE

- Building vocabulary

Monkey Around is one game in a collection of games for 2-year-olds from Peaceable Kingdom. These simple games encourage meaningful moments of connection between you and your child. Play, learn, explore, and connect!

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Peaceable Kingdom creates award-winning games and gifts that inspire cooperation and cultivate kindness — because kids who play well together play well in the world.



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A Game
for You
and Your
2-Year-Old



INSTRUCTIONS

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The Wiggle & Giggle GAME

Fun with Imitation
and Improvisation!

MonkeyAround is a get-up-and-move game. While all of the actions in the game are appropriate for children aged 24-35 months, every child develops at his own pace. So, feel free to improvise! If your 2-year-old isn't ready to catch a tossed banana, have him hold both hands out, palms together forming a little "bowl" and drop the banana from a few inches above his hands. If he easily hops on one foot, encourage him to hop forward.

If your child is unfamiliar with one of the actions, do it first and then let him mimic you. You'll be surprised how quickly he catches on. Two-year-olds love to show off their skills, whatever they are, so let him!

INSTRUCTIONS

Includes: 40 cards • 1 beanbag banana • 1 game board



Are you ready to wiggle?
Are you ready to giggle?
Are you ready to monkey around?



Set Up

- Unfold and set out the tree game board on the floor.
- Place the banana nearby.
- Mix up the monkey cards and place them face-down in a pile nearby.

How to Play

On your turn

1. Take a monkey card.
2. Do the action.
3. Add the monkey card to the tree.

Take turns until you have added five cards to the tree.



Who Wins?

No one wins or loses.
Monkey Around—
just play and have fun!

Do the Action!



EXTEND THE PLAY AND LEARNING

There are more ways to play, learn, explore, and connect with Monkey Around!



Object Matching!

Match the Banana! Take the banana for a “walk” around your house, outside, or to the store. Invite your child to find things in the world around her that are similar in color, size, or shape as the banana.

If It's Not a Banana . . . After your child has played the game with the banana have her choose another familiar object to use with the same instructions. A favorite small toy or stuffy works well. This will help her apply and generalize what she has learned in the game to the world around her.

Conceptual Thinking!

Problem Solving!

“Can You?” Challenge! Provide problem-solving opportunities that develop thinking skills by challenging your child to use the banana outside the game in new ways. Can you make the banana roll? Can you make it slide? Can you stand it up on one end?