



Sun Spinning

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AGE GROUP



3-5 years



Multiage

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - Does the sun move?

- This simple catch and spin game helps children to understand that the Earth makes one big circle, or orbit, around the Sun each year - the sun is rotating slowly in the middle.
- Every day, the Earth turns around; when it faces the Sun, it's daytime and when it faces away from the Sun, it becomes night.
- This can be confusing for a child to visualise so let's turn it into a ball game!
- Choose a child to be the sun and the other children form a ring around the 'sun'.
- A child takes the ball and pretends it's the Earth. They then throw the ball to the 'sun'...now it's daytime!
- Show the children how to turn in a circle, take a step to the side, and the sun then throws the ball back to another child in the circle! Explain that is one whole day!
- Continue around the circle until everyone gets a turn - you can also swap out the sun position as you go. Increase the challenge by speeding up or slowing down..

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- See how many times children can throw and catch the ball without dropping it. Count together.
- Move the children further away from the sun so they need to throw further.
- If younger children find the activity difficult, roll the ball back and forth from the 'Sun' to the 'Earth' ring while sitting on the ground. The child rolling the ball can scoot in an orbit, while sitting down.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Soft Ball
- Space to move around in a circle indoors or outdoors



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