

Open Doors
Chapter 6: Learning Opportunities, Experience It

Home Visitor: Hi, Mason! Hi! It's fun to see you again this week. It is. Look at you. What are you doing? Are you – you're pretty strong, balancing on that arm, aren't you? Yeah!

So, last week you were talking about that he's just starting to do things like pick them up and release it to drop it in. So, this week, we pulled together some things that you had at your house where we could practice some of those skills and see what he's doing. So these are really cute. You made these.

Mom: Thank you.

Home Visitor: That's great. You've got a pretty creative mom, huh? Yeah! So let's see what he'll do. Let's see. Just try some things and see what he'll do.

Mom: Here; look. Look, let's see these. Look! You want to pick it up and drop it? Can you pick it up and drop it? Let's pick this one up. Can you pick that up? Look, there's a lot of them. Can you pick those up? Can you put it in here? Good job. Do you want to put it in there?

Home Visitor: You know, even if he doesn't put it in, he's doing a great job of grabbing, hold on it.

[Sound of blocks banging together]

Mom: Good job. Good job!

[Sound of blocks banging together]

Yeah!

Home visitor: So he's really imitating you. Even though he's not putting them together, he's still making them do the same thing.

Mom: Mm hmm. Good job.

Home Visitor: Up? Did you say up? Did you say up? So what are some other things that you have around the house that you could practice? That – you know, where he's using more of those small muscles, picking up things and releasing them, like dropping them.

Mom: Well, the baby bottle caps, he can pick those up and he likes to release those. Don't you? And we take, like, baby wipe containers and he puts those in there.

Home Visitor: So those are great things just that you have around, you know, just like that coffee can.