**Water Turtle or Lizard**

Search, find, discriminate and help animals return to their favorite homes.

 15 min  1 participant

 

**Let’s play**

1. Search the beach for 20 animals hidden in the sand. LEGO Braille Bricks are lizards, other bricks are water turtles
2. Find a lizard? Attach it to its favorite home: the base plate
3. Find a water turtle? Release it in the ocean, its favorite home
4. Encourage the animals to tell us about their homes!

**How to prepare**

* 1 base plate
* 1 bowl full of water
* 1 large bin or box full of sand
* 10 random LEGO Braille Bricks
* 10 LEGO classic bricks or DUPLO bricks

Hide the 20 bricks in the sand.

**Facilitation tips**

* Find and encourage discussion about turtles and lizard, animal characteristics, and living environment…
* Provide a tangible example of the animals (plastic, stuffed animals, figurines…)
* Place animals in a bowl without sand to avoid exploration for “tactile defensive” players.
* Offer choice to attach lizard: to a disc of playdough, or another surface...

**Possible variations**

* Change the number of bricks, or the distribution among the animals
* Use other objects for the turtles, for easier discrimination (balls, marbles, cubes…)
* Change the size and shape of the turtles (mix classic bricks or DUPLO of different shapes)
* Play with peers, taking turns

**Children will develop these holistic skills**

COGNITIVE - Recognize, classify and sort shapes in 3 dimensions

CREATIVE - Retell or create simple stories

PHYSICAL - Compare - discover similarities, differences, and preferences: sort and match

EMOTIONAL - Control motor skills and emotional commitment to succeed in simple actions

SOCIAL - Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates

**Did you know**

* Through this fun activity, children share new sensory experiences, learn to explore, manipulate, imagine, sort... while having fun!