Week 19: Fair Ways to Play



Lesson Time

Your child is learning three Fair Ways to Play:

- Play together: children play together with a toy
- Trade: children switch toys
- Take turns: one child gets a turn with a toy, and then the other child does

Knowing how to play fairly helps your child make friends at school and at home.



Play Time

Play a game with your child to practice taking turns—one of the Fair Ways to Play. Play this game while you are making food that you have to mix or stir, such as batter. Or take turns with a task, such as putting napkins and forks on the table.

Say: We're going to play My Turn, Your Turn while we mix up this batter. I will stir the batter five times. Count out loud while you stir. Then you will ask me, "May I have a turn stirring, please?" Then it will be your turn to stir. Repeat until the batter is completely mixed.



This week's story is about Kara and Tim. Both children want to play with the cash register. Ask your child about this story.

- What do you see in this photo?
- Is it fair for Kara to keep Tim from playing with the cash register? (No.) How might Tim feel? (Sad, angry.)
- What can Kara and Tim do? (Take turns. Trade. Play together.)

Now let's pretend you're Tim and I'm Kara. Practice asking me to play together. (Can we play together with the cash register?)