

# Rainbow Ball

## Level A instructions

This simple rainbow ball will introduce your children to some of the beautiful colors that the Lord has made. It may also remind you that the Lord is always with you as you parent your children.

### Supplies included:

- ☁️ 1 Rainbow crocheted ball
- ☁️ 1 Sticker sheet/stickers

### Project instructions:

1. Using the sticker page you can tell your child a brief version of the Noah story. Even some of the tiniest babies have an appreciation for animals. Show them the pairs of animals and let them stick them where they chose if they are old enough, or you could show the pairs and stick them on the picture for your child.



### Activity instructions:

Hold the rainbow ball by the picture and talk about the rainbow suddenly appearing.

Hang the ball where your baby can enjoy it. They may reach out to it or want to suck on it. This is good tactile and visual stimulation for little ones!

As the ball hangs in the air, you can begin to point out the colors to your children. Remind them that the Lord makes beautiful rainbows because He loves us and will always take care of us.

The ball is made of color-safe acrylic yarn.  
It may be washed using your washer/dryer.

On the reverse of this sheet you will find some developmental ideas for use of this rainbow ball with your baby.

Store the ball in the box when not in use

## **IDEAS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY WITH THE RAINBOW BALL**

### **For 0-3 months**

Just looking and hearing you talk about it is entertainment for a young baby.

### **For 3-6 months**

There will come a time when your baby wants to begin play. It takes a long time to learn to grip a toy, to hold it and to pass it from hand to hand. Give your baby moments of help and encouragement:

Have the ball ready.

- Help him occasionally to move the ball from side to side, use a simple beat: -one-two (change sides) one-two
- Pretend you are trying hard to pull the ball away with your hand  
"What a tight hold! I can't get it away. What a strong baby!"  
He is likely to enjoy the game even more as his hand strengthens.

### **For 6-12 months**

Listening is an important skill, so talk to your baby about the different colors, etc.

Hide the ball from your baby's sight. Enthusiastically search for it — finding the ball

- in her lap
- under the chair
- in her mug
- between his toes

Babies often notice the disappearance of the toy, and will usually listen and watch the hunt in anticipation.