Learning to Count â€“ A Breast Pad Scavenger Hunt

Description

She may not be able to walk, talk, crawl, or write yet, but itâ€™s never too early to start the learning process! Being a stay-at-home parent at this stage, I can only do so much with Avery. We go on walks, runs, I read and show her pictures, but she still needs her motor and speech skills to develop. Despite this minor obstacle, I take every opportunity I can to teach new things to Avery.

While putting inserts in her cloth diapers, Iâ€™ll tell her the color of the diaper Iâ€™m currently stuffing. If we have more than one of the same color, Iâ€™ll tell her itâ€™s 1 of 3 or however many we have. Same for when changing, I tell her the color of her new diaper and try to relate it to a season, holiday, or certain feeling. For example, bright yellow is reminiscent of Spring, a popular color for Easter, and symbolizes happiness.

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Helping daddy put together cloth diapers

If she grabs the hair on my right arm, I let her know thatâ€™s my right arm. When she sneezes 3 times in a row, I tell her that was 3 sneezes. If she starts crying, Iâ€™ll count the time until she stops. â€œThatâ€™s 2 hours youâ€™ve been crying while I sat here!â€• Okay, that last one is a joke, I would never do that!

So, after her morning nap the other day, I had a load of laundry to do and started gathering everything to wash. As I scavenged around the house for any last minute items, I kept finding breast pads scattered around, so I figured I could make learning game out of it!

I explained to Avery that we needed to go around the house and count how many of mommyâ€™s breast pads we can find. She just gave me a â€œWhat the crap are you talking about, dad?â€• pity smile, and we started our breast pad scavenger hunt.

Yesssss, dadâ€¦..

We began in our bedroom and found 2 thereâ€¦

Then we headed to the living room and found 2 more. No, wait, thereâ€™s another one stuck in the couch. Good job Avery! Thatâ€™s 3 in the living room and 5 total so far.

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Maybe the animals know where some are hiding. Hi Abby and Lou, do you know where Kelley left any breast

C y of cloth diaper inserts, but no breast pads.

The last places to look were the kitchen and Averyâ€™s nursery. There was one in the kitchen, and, oh, look, 3 more in the nursery!

Breast Pads

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She may not fully understand, but things like this really do help to build her brain. Sure, itâ€™s funny (to me at least), but I also feel good knowing itâ€™s helping to expand our little girlâ€™s knowledge.

Plus, I think she looks smarter as a result. What do you think?

One sharp baby!

Do you have any â€œfunâ€• games you like to play or did play with your babies?

How do you feel about trying to teach a baby things at an early age? Beneficial or not worth it?

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