



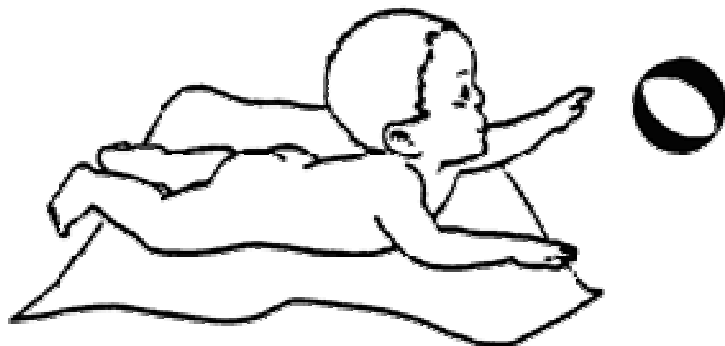
# Fun To Play

for parents and their young children

## Balls Hide and Seek

Take a small ball, but large enough not to be swallowed, and place it on the floor in front of your four month old. Lie him on his stomach. When you know he is looking at the ball, move it to his right or left side and place it back on the floor. Watch as he wiggles to turn and find the ball. He is trying to remember what he sees. This is called object permanence. Use this same ball to help your five month old learn to roll over. While he is lying on his back, show him the ball and make sure he sees it. Slowly move the ball to the right or the left making sure that he keeps looking at it. He may turn over trying to see or reach for his ball. Give him the ball to play with. Your one year old will enjoy another version of this game. While you are playing ball with him, tuck it in your pocket with a little bit showing. He will have fun looking for it. Your fifteen month old will enjoy putting the ball in his own pocket and retrieving it. This is another lesson in trust and object permanence.

(Four to Eighteen Months)



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