

# The Whole Child

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### 1. Gross motor skills

Encourage your child to jump off heights about two feet high.

### 2. Fine Motor Skills

Encourage your child to try some of the following activities:

Turn a key in a lock  
Close large buttons on clothing  
Fasten a buckle  
Pour liquid from a cup

### 3. Visual skills

Let your child arrange coloured pegs in a pegboard in repetitive patterns.

### 4. Auditory skills

Listen to the piece of music entitled *The Viennese Musical Clock* ([http://www.classicsforkids.com/music/music\\_view.asp?id=34](http://www.classicsforkids.com/music/music_view.asp?id=34)) on the Classics for Kids website. This piece of music describes the mechanical clock Hány János claimed to have heard at the Austrian emperor's palace. Listen to it together and ask your children what it makes them think about. There is not right or wrong answer.

### 5. Mathematical skills

Place two sets of items into two identical plastic cups or containers, such as construction blocks in one cup and crayons in the other cup. Let your child hold a cup in each hand and determine which cup is heavier and which is lighter. You can repeat the activity using different items too. Explore the concepts of light, heavy and equal.

### 6. Language and thinking skills

Find story books to read together that will help you have conversations with your child about different situations he may encounter in your family or community, e.g. The arrival of a new baby, going to visit the dentist, visiting the library, visiting someone in hospital etc.

### 7. Faith-building

Discuss with your child the role of a father in a family – even if you are a single parent. Talk about how our Heavenly Father also takes care of all our needs, especially if our father doesn't live with us. Encourage your child to pray for her dad – for blessings in his work, for wisdom in all decisions, for good health and whatever other needs you know he may have.