

# STEM starts now

## Plastic Animals

**Recommended Age:** 18–24 Months

**STEM concepts:** Science (physical science, life science and earth science), Math (number sense and operations, classification)

**Materials:** a variety of plastic animals

**What to do:** This is the easiest and most simple activity you can do with your child. Have them play with the animals while exploring their features.

**Language and Communication:** Tell your child the name of the animals, what noises they make and what they eat. Talk about where they live and what weather they like. Talk about who takes care of the animals or if they live in the wild. Make references to things your child may know from the area they live.

**Expand the Activity:** Compare the animals shapes and sizes or by what they eat and where they live. Create small environments with pictures or items around your home. Count the animals with your child to add another math concept to their play.

