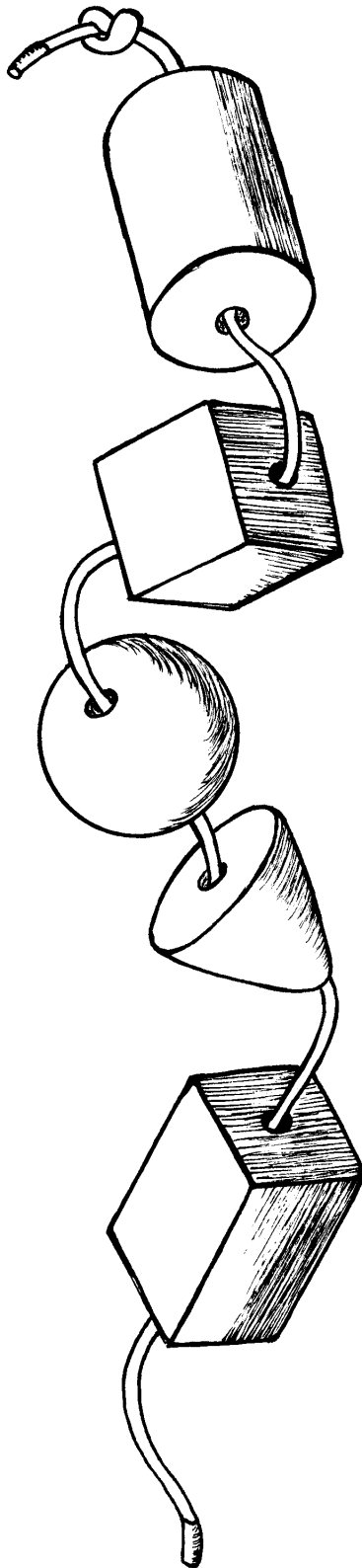


# STRINGING BEADS OF PRIDE



## 1. Approach.

Assess the child's mood and attention span. Select appropriate toys or activities.

## 2. Get the child's attention.

Move close to the child. Establish eye contact. Introduce toys or an activity. Start or model play.

## 3. Follow the child's lead.

Let the child respond to toys his or her own way. Follow the child's lead. Continue what the child seems to enjoy. Share interest, excitement, and joy.

## 4. Extend and expand the play.

Take turns; imitate the child. Let the child problem solve. Help when frustrated or stuck. Encourage the child with each step of the task. Change the play slightly or add something new. Don't correct or scold; ignore mistakes.

## 5. Wait for the child to show pride.

Let the child bring the activity to a close. If the child masters a task, wait for the child to look at you. Congratulate the child's action with joy and love. Let the child choose a new activity or repeat this one. Stop if the child is tired, hungry, or no longer interested.