MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Problem Solved
By Jan Thomas

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Songs:
“We’re Putting Away Our Toys”
*Sung to “The Farmer in the Dell”*
We’re putting our toys away.
We hope it won’t take all day.
To have more fun, we’ll get it all done,
We’re putting our toys away!


“The Clean Up Song”
(clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up

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We had a lot of fun and now that we’re done (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up

Now it’s time to clean up (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up
Girls and boys have put away the toys (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up

Now it’s time to clean up (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up
We had a lot of fun and now that we’re done (clap, clap)
Now it’s time to clean up

Source: The Kiboomers - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLvYLXn_Np8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLvYLXn_Np8)

“Time to Set the Table”
_Sung to “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”_
Set the table for our meal
It’s dinner time, you know!
And on our table we need some PLATES
Wonder where they go?

A PLATE goes here, a PLATE goes there.
Here at PLATE, there a PLATE, everywhere a PLATE, PLATE
Set the table for our meal
It’s dinner time, you know!

*Continue with fork, knife, spoon, glass, bowl and napkin*


**Activities:**
Sorting Games – Take several items from two to three rooms around your house or from centers in your classroom, then ask children to group them by category. Here’s an example:

- Kitchen – spoon, bowl, play food, whisk, napkins
- Bathroom – towel, toothbrush, soap, mirror, bath toy
- Bedroom – pillow, stuffy, item of clothing, blanket, books

You don’t have to stop here! There are lots of objects to sort into different categories around your home and school. Try sorting non-matching items by color, size, or even theme. Sorting is different from matching and is another important cognitive skill in early childhood. Sorting develops reasoning and thinking skills in young children – ask questions as they sort, “Where do we usually see this item?” “What other items can you remember from that center/room?”
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Clean-up games for kids help them learn cleaning skills and have fun while doing it! https://thegrowingcreatives.com/clean-up-games-for-kids/