

WE'VE GOT MAIL! 😊

PARENTS SHARE HOW THEY ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO THINK CREATIVELY WHEN SOLVING PROBLEMS.



Many parents instantly jump to the rescue of their young children when they need help, for fear of them getting hurt or causing a mess. It takes some resolve and practice, but I let my daughter try and solve the challenges she faces. I believe this sharpens her thinking. Take for example, when she was struggling to eat with a pair of chopsticks. Instead of giving her a fork, we observed and encouraged her to try and handle the chopsticks.

Karen Lee
Mother of two girls,
aged four (pictured) and seven



Hands-on with chopsticks

WHAT A ZOO!

In the Oct-Dec 2017 issue, we asked you to show us the animal stick puppet you made. Here are three outstanding entries:

Anaiya Garg, 3

Tan Jia Hui Trisha, 6

Arfan Ilyas Bin Md Shamir, 3

Ammar Yusuf Bin Md Shamir, 6



Fun with blocks



We enjoy playing puzzles with our children, and always encourage them to think of new ways to solve a problem. This photo (left) shows my son attempting a wooden block puzzle. He may not follow the rules of the game completely, but we applaud his efforts in coming up with his own solutions.

Goh Kok Leong
Father of a 6-year-old son
and 3-year-old daughter



Everyday is a learning process for our child, especially during playtime. The playground is a great space for him to apply his thinking skills and fine-tune his physical skills. The "Spider Web Climber" structure, in particular, allows my boy to think on the spot. As there is no fixed route, he would try many ways to climb to the top.

Nurhafiza Bințe Abdul Rahim
Mother of a three-year-old son



Learning through climbing

Photos courtesy of Karen Lee, Goh Kok Leong and Nurhafiza Bințe Abdul Rahim

ENHANCING CHILDREN'S CREATIVE & AESTHETIC EXPRESSION

Parents, share with us how you stimulate your child's creativity and imagination in music and movement, art and singing. Tell us how you encourage this and attach a photo with your anecdote. Your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*



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