

*Social Development
from One to Three*

SECTION 11-2

Analyzing Children's Behavior

Directions: Jake has been working as a volunteer at a local child care center. Each day when he's done, he talks to Kathleen Wallach, one of the center's teachers, about what he's seen that day. Read his questions from one day and then, in the spaces provided, write the answers you think Mrs. Wallach would give.

1. Shayna, who is two and one-half, sat for a long time just watching a boy about the same age play with blocks. Is there something wrong with her that she's not joining in?

2. Joe was talking about somebody named Justin. But there isn't anybody in the center or his family with that name. One of the other staff members said that this was Joe's imaginary friend. Is it okay for him to have an imaginary friend?

3. One time when two girls were fighting over who would play with the fire truck, you stepped in right away. They were about eighteen months old. Why didn't you let them work it out for themselves? Isn't it better for them to learn to solve their own problems?

4. You seemed to make a special point of praising that really quiet girl, Alexis. You told her how much you like her finger painting, how much she helped in handing out snacks, and how well she sang during the music time. Why make such a big fuss over her, when there are lots of other kids who do more or better than she does?
