

4 Ø Doctor Visit



1. Describe what you see in this picture. Who is the patient? Why is the doctor examining the toddler's stuffed animal with his stethoscope?
2. Where is the exam taking place - at the doctor's office or in a hospital?
3. The toddler and the doctor are looking very intently at each other. How does the toddler feel about the exam - scared, cautious, amused, excited, enjoying the attention? What is the doctor thinking?
4. The little girl is holding tight to the white teddy bear. How does she feel about the stuffed animal? What can the doctor say to the toddler to put her at ease? What would her mommy say? How would you reassure a scared child?
5. Does the teddy bear belong to the toddler or to the doctor? Will the toddler take the teddy bear home? What will happen next in this scene?
6. Pediatricians often wear colorful clothing and carry small stuffed toys - how does this help? What other things can doctors do to help children feel more comfortable during an exam?
7. Do you think this doctor has a pleasant "bedside manner"? What other qualities make a good doctor?
8. Were you ever very sick when you were a child? What do you remember about the doctor? How did you feel about getting shots? Who took you to see the doctor?
9. What brought you comfort when you were small - a favorite blanket, a stuffed toy? Did you carry the item with you at all times, or only use it when you were tired or upset?
10. What can a parent do to make a sick child feel better? What tricks did you use to comfort your children when they were not feeling well?