

## **JOINING A GROUP**

### **CONCEPT**

Joining an activity requires waiting for the right moment to get attention and make a request.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Students will be able to:

*Apply calming-down techniques.*  
*Request to join an activity in a friendly manner.*  
*Use a problem-solving strategy.*

### **NOTES TO THE TEACHERS**

Joining in is an important social skill. Many children have difficulty getting their foot in the door of social play situations. Key steps in this process are for children to make comments about the activity and ask questions of other children.

When children don't know how to join other children in an activity, they may get fewer opportunities to play with others, an important loss. The ability to join activities also depends on other social skills, such as introducing, interrupting, and starting conversations.

### **REMEMBER THE DAY**

Have students give examples of how they used group-joining skills, What worked well? What did they do if they weren't able to join in?