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# **CODING EXPRESS**

# **Teacher Guide Introduction**

#### Who is the material for?

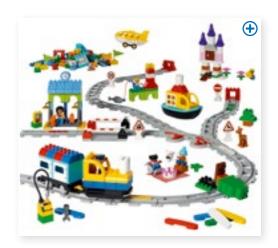
The Coding Express Teacher Guide is designed to help preschool teachers develop children's understanding of cause and effect relationships, and early coding concepts, such as sequencing, looping, and conditional statements. Using these lessons, you'll support the children's learning, helping them to practice early coding skills, like problem-solving, computational thinking, and using digital tools to design and express ideas. At the same time, they'll be developing early literacy and language skills.



#### What is it for?

Designed for preschoolers, the Coding Express Set uses a relevant theme that naturally incorporates early coding skills. Working with the set, children will intuitively use computational thinking to develop designs and express ideas as they build a train and tracks, and position action bricks to affect the train's behavior.

The Coding Express Teacher Guide provides fun and engaging opportunities for exploring early coding-related concepts. Using the Teacher Guide, you can facilitate engaging early coding lessons in which children think like digital age learners as they build train tracks of various shapes. Most importantly, the physical and digital lessons will help children to become problem-solvers by enhancing their creativity, collaboration, and communication skills.









#### What is it?

The Coding Express includes 234 bricks and the following support materials.

# 1. A "Getting Started" activity card

Use these five quick steps to introduce children to the unique elements of the set, including the train engine, train tracks, and action bricks.

#### 2. An Introduction Guide

A complete overview of the Coding Express solution, the app, the building cards, how to start the train engine, and where to download the Teacher Guide.

## 3. A Coding Express poster

An overview of the action brick's behaviors and inspiration for different ways of setting up the train tracks.

## 4. Six Building Cards

These two-sided cards show a variety of inspiration models; the green-sided cards show simple models and the blue-sided cards show more challenging models.

Additionally, the Coding Express App is available to download free of charge from the App Store and Google Play.

# How are the learning objectives achieved?

In each lesson, strategic questions guide the children through the process of applying early coding concepts and skills, while the LEGO® DUPLO® building activities reinforce creativity, inquiry, and exploration.

The Coding Express Teacher Guide includes four lessons to be used with the physical set and four app-based lessons.

- The physical lessons are designed to help children understand the key concepts of early coding: sequencing, looping, and conditional statements (if...then...)
- In the app-based lessons, children apply the knowledge they've gained from the physical lessons and practice these skills in a more engaging way, specifically targeting the learning areas of music, character, journey, and math.











The table of contents gives a brief description of the topics covered in each lesson. The lessons are labeled as beginner, intermediate, or advanced, based on the skills and knowledge necessary to complete them. Feel free to select and adapt the lessons according to what's most relevant and appropriate for your preschoolers. The mini videos in each lesson give a good overview of each lesson and should help you to easily prepare and facilitate the lessons.



#### **Lesson Structure**

Each lesson is structured according to a natural learning flow, which promotes successful learning outcomes. The Engage, Explore, and Explain phases, which are the first three phases of each lesson, can be done in one session. The Elaborate phase is more challenging and can be completed during a later session. The Evaluate phase summarizes the specific learning skills covered in each lesson.

# **Engage**

During the Engage phase, physical games, short stories, and discussions will spark children's curiosity and activate their existing knowledge while preparing them for a new learning experience.

# **Explore**

In this phase, the children will participate in a hands-on building activity. As their hands create models of people, places, objects, and ideas, their minds will organize and store new information related to these structures.

# **Explain**

During the Explain phase, children will have the opportunity to reflect on what they have done, and to talk about and share insights they have gained during the Explore phase of the lesson.

### **Elaborate**

New challenges in this phase build upon the concepts children learned previously in the lesson. These extension activities enable children to apply their newly-acquired knowledge, reinforcing what they've learned.





## **Evaluate**

The Coding Express lessons have been developed based on the science, math, and technology guidelines from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Head Start, and the 21st Century Early Year Learning skills (P21).

The learning grid and the 21st century learning skills framework give an overview of the learning values that are mentioned throughout this Teacher Guide. The learning goals listed at the end of each lesson can be used to determine whether each child is developing the relevant skills. These bullet points target specific skills or pieces of information that are practiced or presented during each lesson.



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			LESSONS											
CODING EXPRESS  LEARNING  GRID		First Trip	Train sound	O Shaped Track	Y Shaped Track	Character	Music	Journey	Math					
(NAE	(NAEYC and Head Start)		Beginner		Intermedia			Adva	nced					
	Counting using number names, and begin recognizing the number of objects in a set													
МАТН	Sequencing numbers or events													
Σ	Exploring measurement and begin using standard and nonstandard forms of measurement								•					
	Asking questions about technology related concepts													
≡ & OGY	Identifying cause and effect relationships								•					
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	Making predictions													
SC	Using strategies and planning in order to solve problems								•					
	Designing and expressing ideas with digital/technology tools													
> .	Expressing thoughts, ideas, and opinions to others													
LANGUAGE & LITERACY SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Observing and describing	•		•										
	Recognizing and naming emotions					•								
	Understanding other people's feelings					•								
	Expressing their thoughts and feelings													
7	Understanding how one's actions can affect others					•								

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							LESSONS						
21 ST CENTURY SKILLS (P21)  EARLY  LEARNING	First Trip	Train Sound	O-Shaped Track	Y-Shaped Track	Character	Music	Journey	Math					
<ul><li>fully covered</li><li>partially covered</li></ul>	Begi	nner	Intermediate				Advanced						
Creativity and innovation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Critical thinking and problem-solving	•				•	•							
Communication				•	•								
Collaboration		•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Flexibility and adaptability		0	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Initiative and self-direction	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Social and cross-cultural	0	0	•	•	•	•	•	0					
Productivity and accountability	0	0	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Leadership and responsibility	0	0	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Information and media literacy	0	0	0	0	•	•	•	•					

For more information, visit the 21st century skills website.

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# Beginner – First Trip

For up to six children

Materials Needed: Coding Express Set (45025)

Vocabulary: Action brick, stop (as a noun), destination, most, train station, journey

# **Engage**

Ask the children if they've ever taken a train, subway, or tram.

Where did they go?

Tell them they're going to play the choo choo train game!

- · Have the children line up and put their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them.
- Explain that when you say, "go" they'll move around the classroom like a choo choo train, and when you say, "red light" they'll slow the train down and stop.
- Play a few rounds of the choo choo train game.

# **Explore**

- Have each group pick a building card and build one of the models shown in the sidebar.
- When the children have finished building, ask them to work together to build a double-ended track.
- Make sure the track is long enough to fit the train station and the destination (using eight track pieces is recommended).
- Start at the train station and use a LEGO® DUPLO® figure as a passenger.
- Tell the children that the passenger would like to go fishing at the harbor.
- Can you help them get to the harbor?

**Tip:** The children don't have to build what's on the building cards. They can build any destination they'd like.

# **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Children will:

- Understand the function of action bricks
- Understand how to use the different types of bricks
- · Use action bricks to complete tasks









The children are likely to stop the train one of three ways:

- By hand, which they've learned in the getting started activities
- Using the red action brick
- Using the red stop brick

# **Explain**

Show the three different ways of stopping the train.

Talk to the children about the red action bricks.

Ask questions like:

- How many red action bricks did you use?
- Where did you place the red action brick(s) and why?
- Where did the train stop?

## **Elaborate**

Encourage the children to build a longer track and to create more stops.

Pique their interest in using the green action bricks on the track.

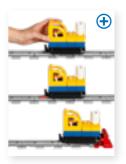
Ask questions like:

- What did you see when the train went over green bricks?
- How can we help the train get back to the station?

# **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- · Identifying cause and effect relationships
- · Observing and describing objects and events
- Asking questions about concepts related to science and technology









# Beginner – Train Sound

For up to six children

Materials Needed: Coding Express set (45025)

Vocabulary: Approach, refill, gas station, react, describe

Coding Concept: Sequencing – the order in which commands are executed by a computer

# **Engage**

Ask the children if they've ever been to a train station.

Talk with the children about what they might've seen.

Ask questions like:

- How did you know when a train was approaching? (Trains make a steam whistle sound to warn people that they're approaching.)
- What made the trains move? (Trains use different sources of energy to move, such as wood, electricity, gas, etc.)

Tell them that they're going to play another choo choo train game!

Have the children line up and put their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them, just like they did last time.

Explain that when you say, "yellow light" they'll make a "choo choo" sound and walk around the classroom.

When you say, "blue light" it means the train needs gas; they should stop and make a "bloop bloop" sound to refill train with gas.

**Tip:** If the children are ready for a challenge, make the game more difficult by adding the red and green actions from the choo choo train game you played in the previous beginner lesson.

# **Explore**

Have each group pick a building card and build one of the models shown in the sidebar (e.g., a picnic area, gas station, and train).

When the children have finished building, ask them to work together to build a double-ended track (using eight track pieces is recommended).

Let's start the train!

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### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Children will:

- Understand the function of action bricks
- Use action bricks to complete tasks
- Define the train's journey (sequencing)









Use some LEGO® DUPLO® figures as passengers.

Tell the children that the passengers would like to go from the picnic area to the gas station. Can you help them get to the gas station?

# **Explain**

Talk to the children about the action bricks.

Ask questions like:

- · Where did you place the blue action brick(s) and why?
- Where did you place the yellow action brick(s) and why? (Try to tie this back to Engage discussion; a steam whistle sound is a warning.)
- Can you describe the train's journey? (i.e., the train started from.... and passed... and stopped at...)

#### **Elaborate**

Encourage the children to build a longer track and to create more stops.

Pique their interest in using all of the action bricks in appropriate places.

Ask questions like:

- What happened when the train went over the white brick?
- Think about how you placed the action bricks and models along the track. Can you describe the train's journey?

The white action brick turns the train's light on and off. Print out the tunnel image and position it over the track (see sidebar for an example). Place the white action bricks on both sides of the tunnel and ask the children to observe what happens when the train goes through the tunnel.

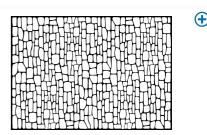
#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- · Identifying cause and effect relationships
- · Correctly sequencing numbers or events
- · Observing and describing objects and events
- Asking questions about concepts related to science and technology











# Intermediate - O-Shaped Track - Looping

For up to six children

Materials Needed: Coding Express set (45025)

Vocabulary: During, daily, weekly, often, usually

**Coding Concept: Looping** – repeating a portion of code a set number of times until a process is complete

# **Engage**

Ask the children if there's anything they do many times a day or week (e.g., brushing their teeth, showering, cleaning their room).

Tell the children that they're going to play another game!

Model a sequence of hopping, jumping, running, walking backward, dancing, spinning, or other actions in a circle.

Ask the children to copy what you've just done and to repeat (i.e., loop) the sequence at least twice.

**Tip:** For younger children and beginners, limit your loop to just one or two actions.

# **Explore**

Ask the children to combine curved and straight track pieces to make an O-shaped train track (six curved and four straight pieces is recommended).

Using the building cards, have the children build two or three places they'd like to visit on the train (see sidebar for an example).

Let's go on a day trip!

Use some LEGO® DUPLO® figures as passengers.

Tell the children that the passengers would like to have a picnic in the forest and then visit the beautiful castle.

Can you help the passengers take the train to the forest and then to the castle?

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Children will:

- Understand use of the O-shaped track for repeating sequences
- Be able to compare different train track shapes and their uses









**Tip:** Remind the children to use action bricks to make sure that the train will be able to stop at each location. Encourage them to use the blue action bricks for any stops with drinks, water, or gas.

# **Explain**

Tell the children that the passengers enjoyed their trip so much that they'd like to do it again! Talk with the children about how they could help make this happen.

Ask questions like:

- Will you be able to help the passengers take the same trip again? How? (The O-shaped track creates loops.)
- · Which action bricks will you use and why?

#### **Elaborate**

Encourage the children to build a double-ended track next to the O-shaped track.

Talk about the difference between the two types of tracks.

Ask questions like:

- · What's the difference between these two types of tracks?
- Will you be able to repeat the same journey on the double-ended track? Why or why not?

#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- · Observing and describing objects and events
- · Asking questions about concepts related to science and technology
- · Identifying cause and effect relationships





# Intermediate – Y-Shaped Track – Conditional Statements

# For up to six children

Materials Needed: Coding Express set (45025)

Vocabulary: If-then statement, conductor, signal, indicate, switch

**Coding Concept: Conditional Statement** – if-then statements that modify how code is executed

# **Engage**

Tell the children that they're going to play the "colored tickets game" Choose at least three spots around the classroom to be "train stops."

Let the children help to name them after their favorite places (e.g., playground, amusement park).

Place different color bricks at each stop and use the same color bricks as "tickets."

You can act as the conductor, giving the children tickets according to where they'd like to go. As you hand out the tickets, introduce the use of if-then statements (e.g., if you have a red ticket, then you go to...).

Ask the children to walk to their destinations and check whether the brick's color is same as their "ticket" color.

# **Explore**

Now the children are going to build their own colored tickets game!

Show them the Y-shaped track and the track with a switch.

Ask them to build a similar Y-shaped track and at least two stops along the track (see sidebar for an example).

Explain that they should use different color bricks to indicate the stops they've built; just like in the game they've just played.

Choose one child to be the conductor who passes out bricks to be used as "train tickets."

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### Children will:

- Understand that the Y-shaped track provides options
- Design and optimize solutions
- Be able to compare different train track shapes and their uses (i.e., sequencing, looping and conditional statements)











Have each child put LEGO® DUPLO® figure on the train, sending it to the destination matching their "ticket."

Don't forget to ask each child where their figure is going.

**Tip:** Remind the children that they have to guide the train by moving the red switch on the track. Also remind them to use action bricks to make the train stop. Use the term "if-then" after each child is given their ticket.

# **Explain**

Tell the children that trains give signals to indicate where they want to go.

Explain that this isn't much different from how they've just used colored tickets to tell where they wanted to go.

Talk to the children about how trains give signals.

Ask questions like:

- · What signals can trains give? (Make a "choo choo" sound.)
- Can trains give signals without making sounds? (e.g., by flashing their lights, giving a color signal, or by how they're decorated)
- Which type of signal do you think is best? Why?



Encourage the children to use both track switches to build a three-ended or Q-shaped track. Talk about the logistics of running a train on this type of track.

Ask questions like:

- How will you give signals now that you'll have more destinations?
- How will you help the train to go back and visit other stops? (By using the green action brick.)

#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- · Asking questions about concepts related to science and technology
- · Observing and describe objects and events
- Identifying cause and effect relationships









# Intermediate – Character – Caterpillar

For up to four children

Materials Needed: Coding Express set (45025), Coding Express App

Vocabulary: Sad, angry, sneeze, dress, healthy, peek-a-boo

# **Engage**

Read the children this story about a little caterpillar:

There was a caterpillar who loved all kinds of colors and she always dressed in lots of colors. She went to preschool, just like all of you! Her favorite thing to do at preschool was to play hide-and-seek, and she loved to eat snacks with her friends. But sometimes, she got upset because she was very tired after playing for a long time. The best way to make her happy again was to let her nap for a little while. In the winter, sometimes the caterpillar got sick. Her teacher always took good care of her, wiping her nose and giving her water to drink.

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**Tip:** Feel free to adapt this story to make it more relatable for your class.





#### Children will:

- Understand that the action bricks' behavior can be changed using the app
- Recognize and understand different emotions
- Be able to use the app to create stories



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# **Explore**

I'd like to know more about this little caterpillar, wouldn't you?

Let's build her!

Build a caterpillar and a train track.

Now experiment with the app.

Put the caterpillar on the track and allow the children to explore the different functions of each button.

Place one action brick of each color on the track.

Have the children take turns using the app to control the caterpillar.

What happens after the caterpillar passes each action brick?



Talk to the children about the emotions they've seen in the app.

Ask questions like:

- What emotions did you see on the caterpillar's face?
- Why was she sad, angry, happy, or playful?
- Can you create something using LEGO® bricks or other things to make the caterpillar feel happy or cheerful?

# **Elaborate**

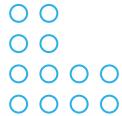
Encourage the children to create models to match each of the caterpillar's emotions.

Combine all of the models to make a story!

Talk to the children about being a good friend.

Ask questions like:

- When our friends are sad, how can we help them to be happy again?
- How can we take care of our friends when they're sick?
- How can you be a good playmate and friend?







## **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- Expressing thoughts, ideas, and opinions to others
- Designing and expressing ideas using digital tools and technology
- Identifying cause and effect relationships
- Understanding other people's feelings
- Expressing their thoughts and feelings
- Recognizing and naming emotions
- Understanding how their actions affect others

#### More Ideas

Use this lesson's format to create lessons for the **Troll** and the **Robot** in the app. Create your own stories for the characters in the Engage phase and explore more interesting emotions with your preschoolers.







# Intermediate - Music - Animal Concert

For up to four children

Materials needed: Coding Express (45025), Coding Express App

Vocabulary: Animal sounds, compose, concert, melody, safari

# **Engage**

Ask the children if they know what sounds different animals make.

Have them try to imitate some of these sounds.

Pick a song about animals that is well-known to your class and sing and/or dance to it.

Tell the children that the safari bus is full of preschoolers today.

They're going to a concert performed by forest animals!

Would you like to join them and meet all of the animal singers?

# **Explore**

Build the safari bus and a train track (an O-shaped track is recommended).

Now experiment with the app.

Put the safari bus on the track and allow the children to explore the different functions of each button.

Place one action brick of each color on the track.

Have the children take turns using the app to "drive" the bus.

What happens after the bus passes each action brick?

# **Explain**

Talk to the children about the sounds they've just heard.

Ask questions like:

- What did you hear when the bus went over the action bricks?
- Did you know those animal sounds?
- What animals did you hear? (Ask the children to build the animals they've named.)

Ask the children to place each animal next to its action brick.

Use the app to see if the sound matches the animals they have built.

# **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Children will:

- Understand that the action bricks' behavior can be changed using the app
- Be able to recognize different animal sounds
- Be able to compose a simple melody using digital tools



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#### **Elaborate**

Now you're going to make your own animal concert!

Have the children place the action bricks in any order on the track to compose their own music!

Talk to the children about their composition.

Ask them what they'd like to express with their music (e.g., happiness, excitement, nice weather).

Encourage the children to sing and dance to their music.

Stuffed animals or similar toys can be used as props for their performance.

#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- · Asking "what would happen if" questions
- Identifying cause and effect relationships
- · Making predictions
- · Correctly sequencing numbers or events
- · Designing and expressing ideas using digital tools and technology
- · Expressing thoughts, ideas, and opinions to others

#### More Ideas

Use this lesson's format to create lessons for the Music Band in the app. Involve different instruments in the Engage phase discussion and explore more interesting sounds with your preschoolers.

For more challenging music lesson, try Are you sleeping Brother John?

- 1. Investigate the melody of each action brick.
- 2. Sequence the action bricks to match the song.
- 3. Compose a new song by remixing the action bricks.









# Advanced – Journey – Trouble on the Road For up to four children

Materials Needed: Coding Express set (45025), Coding Express App

Vocabulary: Remind, police officer, traffic sign, potential, avoid

# **Engage**

Talk to the children about traffic rules.

Ask questions like:

- Do you know any traffic rules? What are they?
- · Why do we need to follow traffic rules?

Tell the children that everybody needs to follow the traffic rules.

Explain that traffic signs are one way of reminding people of the rules.

Show the four traffic signs from the set and ask the children if they can guess what they mean.

Tell them they're going to play a game!

Place the traffic signs around the classroom and ask the children to pretend they're each driving their own high-speed train.

Explain that they should slow down or stop when approaching marked areas.

Act as a police officer controlling the flow of traffic, or ask one of the children to do it.

# **Explore**

Have each group of children pick a building card and build the model shown.

Have the children work together to build a Y-shaped track and place their models alongside it. Place the action bricks in random places along the track.

Now experiment with the app.

Put the train on the track and allow the children to explore the different functions of each button.

Let's start the train!

Have the children take turns using the app to "drive" the train.

What happens after the train passes each action brick?

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Children will:

- Understand that the action bricks' behavior can be changed using the app
- Understand various traffic signs
- Be able to solve common problems on the road



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# **Explain**

Talk to the children about the problems they've seen in the app.

Ask questions like:

- What did you see after the train passed each stop?
- How will you solve the problem?
- Which traffic sign do you need in order to solve each problem?

#### **Elaborate**

Encourage the children to play and to use all of the traffic signs.

Ask if they can think of any other important things to keep in mind in order to stay safe in traffic. Encourage the children to create their own traffic signs or models to help keep them safe in traffic.

Have them place their creations along the track and explain why they placed them where they did.

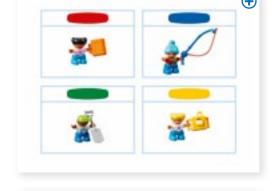
#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- Identifying cause and effect relationships
- Making predictions
- Using strategies and planning in order to solve problems
- Designing and expressing ideas using digital tools and technology

#### **More Ideas**

Use this lesson's format to create lessons for the **Passengers** and the **Four Seasons** in the app. In the Engage phase, talk about the passengers' accessories and how the seasons should look; explore more interesting destinations with your preschoolers.









# Advanced - Math - Distance

For up to four children

Materials needed: Coding Express set (45025), Coding Express App

Vocabulary: Measure, distance, step, compare, vehicles, reverse

# **Engage**

Talk to the children about distance.

Ask questions like:

- · How did you get to school today?
- Why do you think some people walk or bike while others take the bus?

Would you like to play a game?

Choose two or three spots around the classroom to be "train stops."

Name the stops.

Ask the children to walk from one stop to the next and count how many steps they've walked.

Compare the number of steps between each of the stops.

Talk about which distance is longer and why.

# **Explore**

Have the children pick building cards and work together to build the models shown (three models are suggested).

Ask them to build a double-ended track and place their models alongside it.

Now experiment with the app.

Let's start the train!

Ask the children how many numbers they've seen in the app. Can they count from the smallest number to the biggest?

Press each number and see how far the train moves.

Have the children pick the number(s) that will help the train reach each stop

**Tip:** Make sure the engine is connected to the app before experimenting with the different numbers.



#### Children will:

- Understand how to measure distance
- Be able to compare distances
- Be able to do simple math







# **Explain**

Talk to the children about distance.

Asking questions like:

- · Why do people use different vehicles like bikes, cars, and airplanes?
- · When do people take airplanes or buses?
- · When do they walk or bike?

#### **Elaborate**

Encourage the children to build more stops and decide the distance between them.

Ask questions like:

- Which distance is the shortest/longest between the stops and how long is it?
- Can you describe the path of the train's journey? (e.g., it started from..., stopped or passed..., and ended at...)

#### **Evaluate**

Evaluate the children's skills development by observing if they're:

- Counting using number names, and beginning to recognize the number of objects in a set
- Correctly sequencing events
- Beginning to understand and use standard and nonstandard forms of measurement
- Designing and expressing ideas using digital tools and technology
- Using strategies and planning in order to solve problems
- · Making predictions
- · Identifying cause and effect relationships

## More Ideas

Use this lesson's format to work with **Longer Distances** and explore more numbers with your preschoolers!





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# **GETTING STARTED**

# **CODING EXPRESS**

45025 AGES 2-5 FOR 3-6 CHILDREN

This Getting Started activity card will help you introduce the Coding Express set to your preschoolers. The activities are designed to familiarize children with the unique elements of the set, which include a train engine and action bricks. After completing some or all of these activities, you can download the Teacher Guide for more in-depth activities related to early coding skills.



# **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

#### Early Technology & Science

- Exploring and using simple technology
- Understanding cause and effect
- Making predictions and observations
- Developing computational thinking
- Developing spatial thinking

# Download the teacher guide: LEGOeducation.com/preschoolsupport

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# Five steps to a great start:

- 1 Demonstrate how to lay the track pieces. Let the children discover the different shapes the tracks can make. Encourage them to experiment with the track switches and red rail stoppers. Have them build a track with three or four different end points.
- 2 Choo-choo! Introduce the train engine.

  Demonstrate how to start and stop the engine, then have each child take a turn starting and stopping it. Show them how to move the engine from one end of the track to the other so that everyone can have a turn
- 3 Show the children how to position the action bricks along the train track. Ask them to lay one of the action bricks on the track and then start the engine. Have them describe

# **TEACHER TIPS**

- The building cards provide inspiration to help the children build their models. Green cards – less challenging models. Blue cards – more challenging models.
- They can also design and build their own unique models.
- what they observe when the engine goes over the action bricks. Repeat this for all of the action bricks and then let the children experiment with the bricks in free play.
- 4 Show the children the building cards one at a time and ask them to describe what they see. Ask whether they have been to any of the places shown on the cards and to recount their experiences. Have the children work together to build at least three of the places shown on the building cards.
- 5 Now put all of the pieces together! Ask the children to place their models along the track. Encourage them to use the engine and the action bricks to transport figures to and from the different destinations along the track.





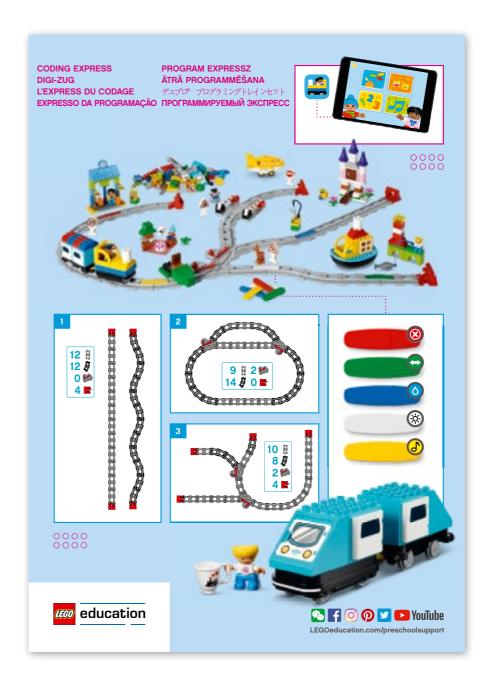
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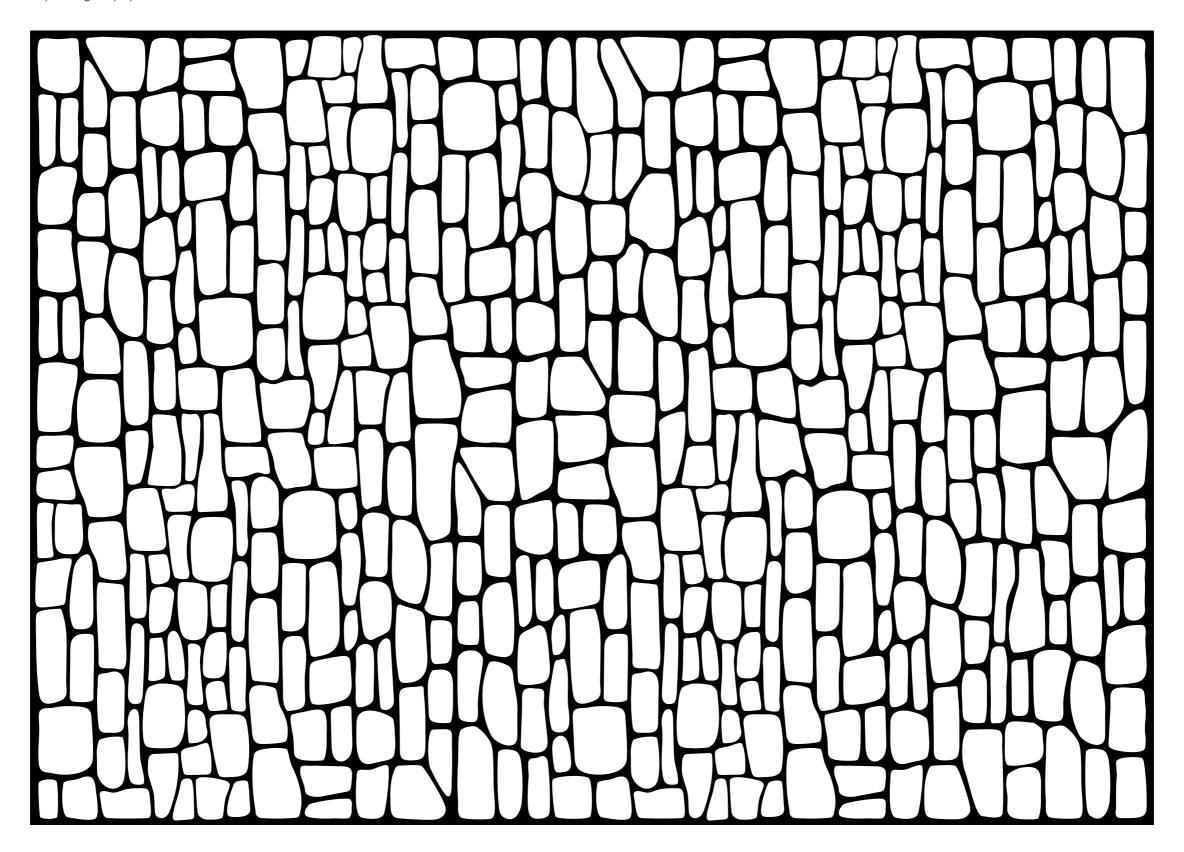
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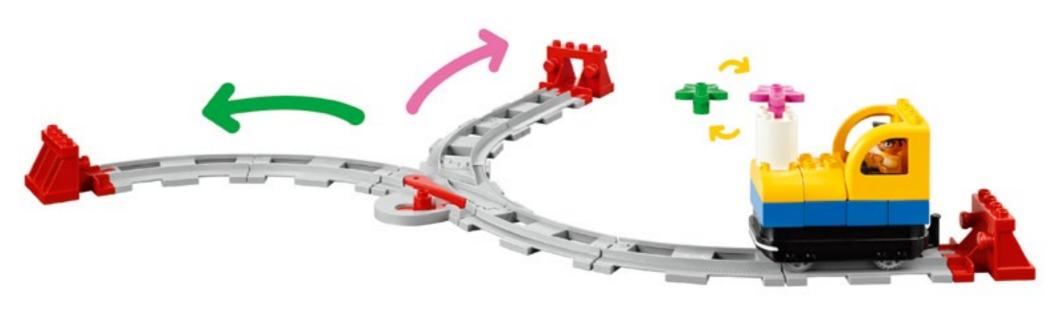
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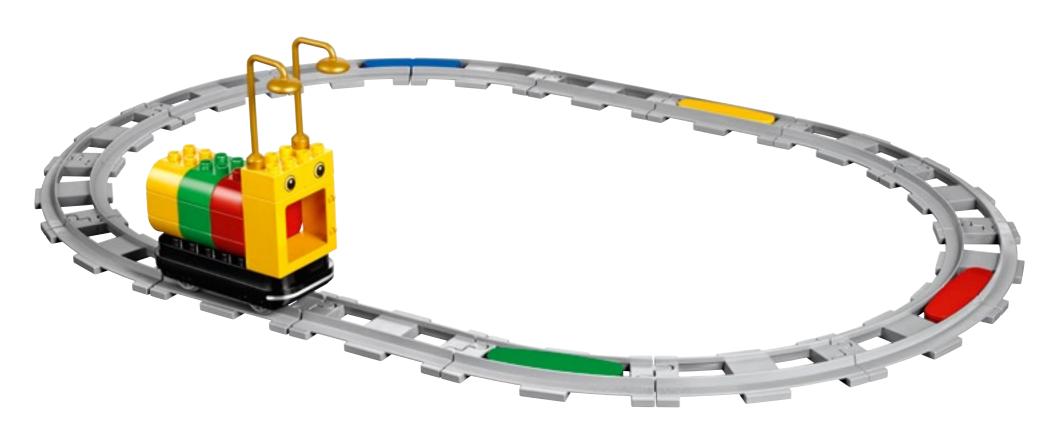


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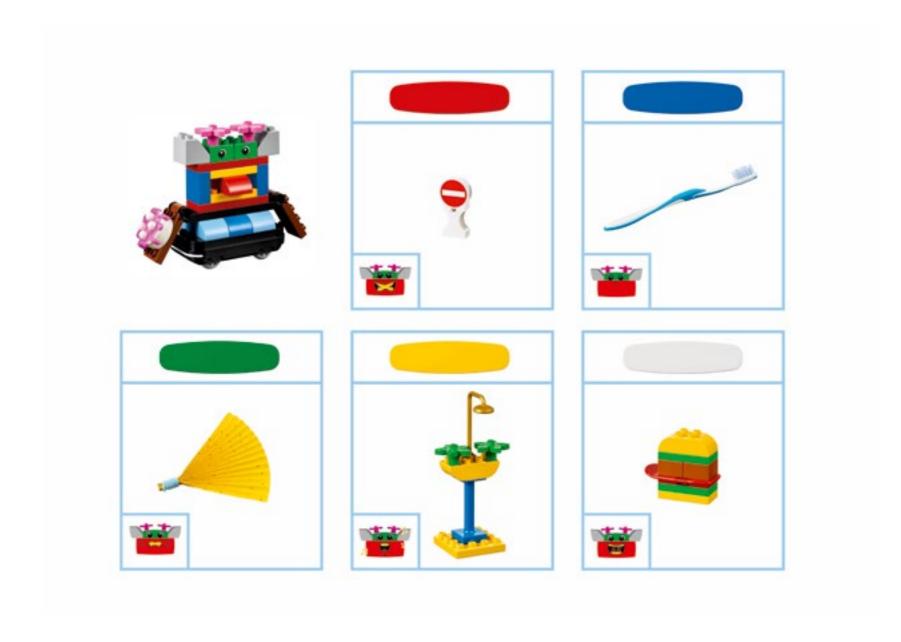


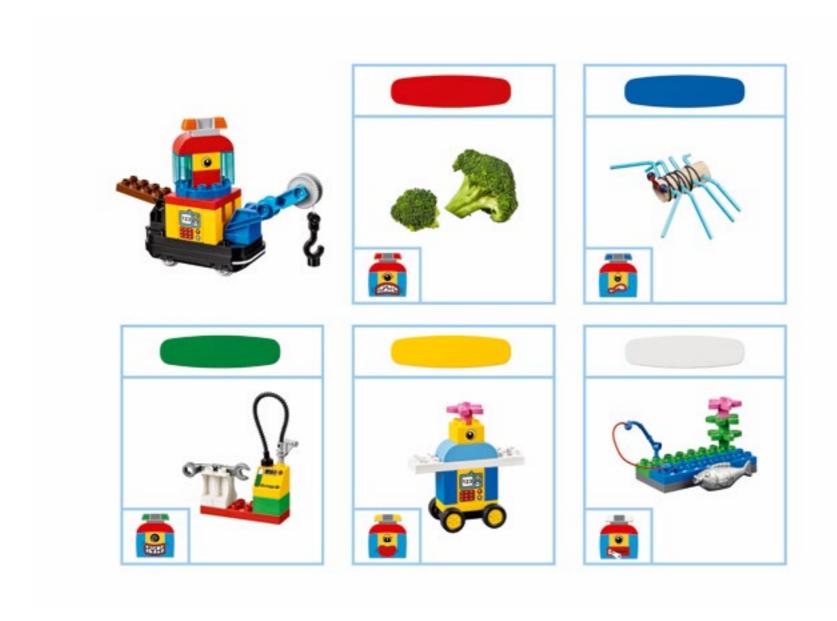






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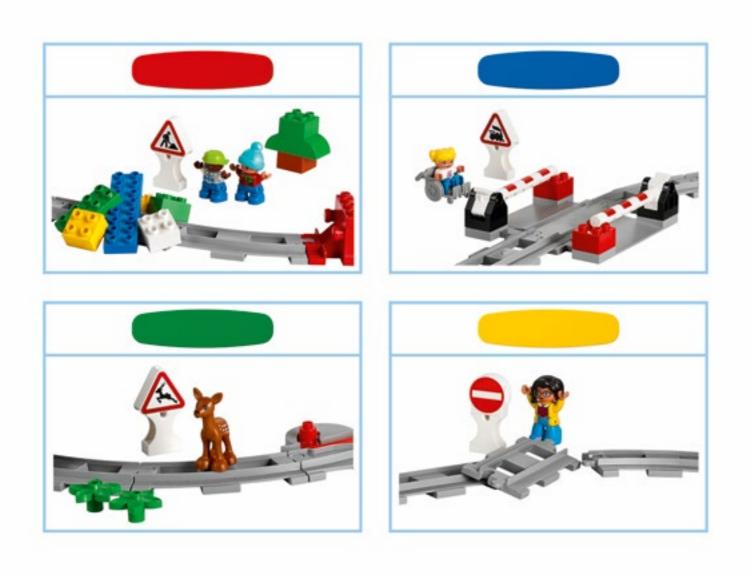




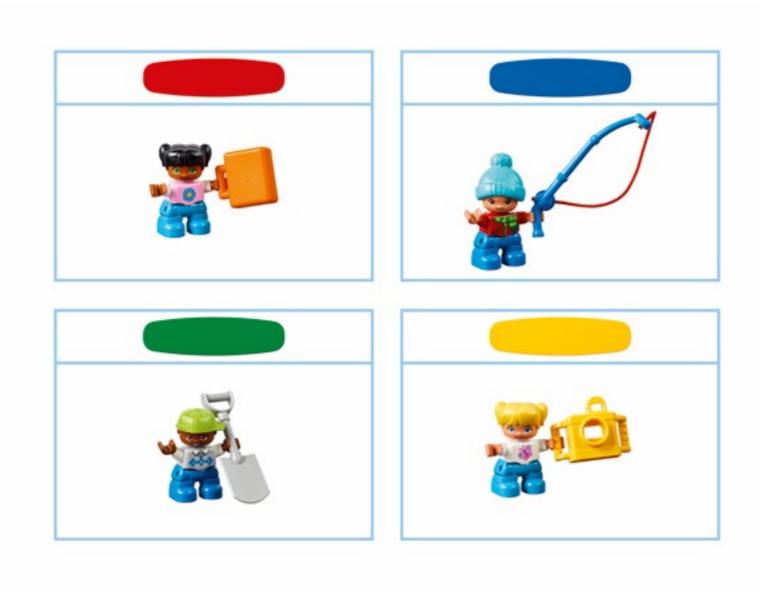




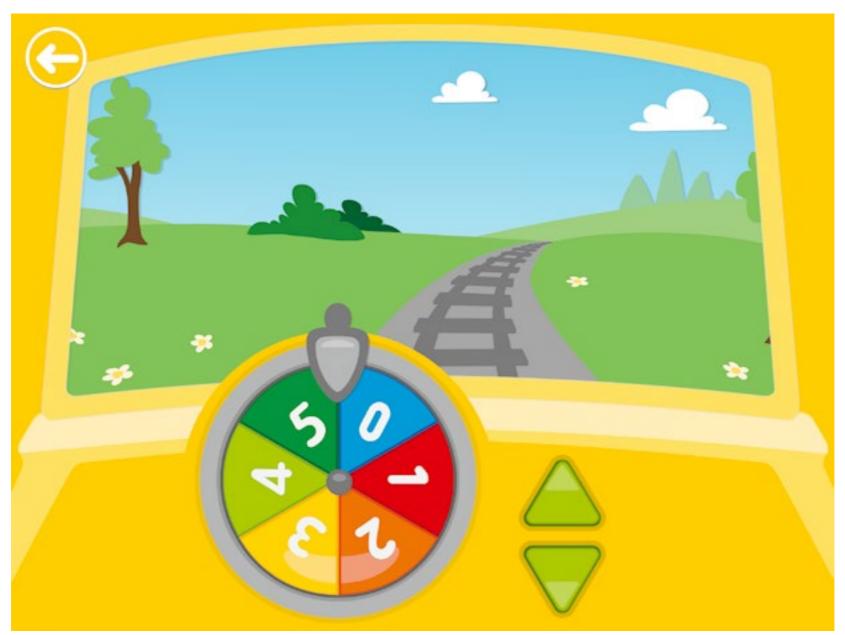












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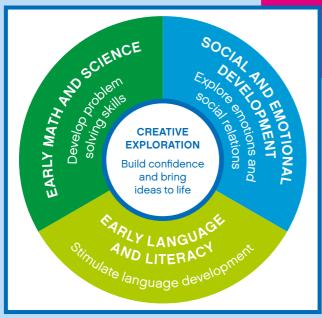


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