Leading Children in Hands-On Exploration

Try It

Planning with Intentionality

Try the activity "Dropping Objects" from *PEEP and the Big Wide World.* Then, prepare to use it with children.

Gather a variety of items of different shapes, weights, and materials, like a feather, a piece of paper, a small rock, an eraser, a ball, or anything else that isn't too heavy or won't be damaged by being dropped.

- Feel and hold each item. Then, drop the items one at a time from a table onto a relatively flat surface.
- How does each item move? Why do different items fall in different ways?
- 1. List the key learning outcomes or big ideas you want children to learn.

2. What supplies and materials are needed?

4. Create a list of 5-7 open-ended questions that would help children think more deeply about the topic.

5. How will you build on children's own experiences and connect the key science concepts to everyday life?



