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A Quick Peek

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- Children participate in more everyday activities.
- Children use new behavior for interacting with others.
- How does a child participate in everyday activities?

You’ll know the practice is authentic if...

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