English Language Arts

- The child practices verbal communication by calling out the name of the person they pass the ball to.
- They learn vocabulary related to the activity, such as "pass," "catch," and "circle time."
- The child develops listening skills as they pay attention to who the ball is being passed to.
- They practice turn-taking and understanding basic instructions.

Physical Education

- The child improves their gross motor skills by throwing and catching the ball.
- They enhance their hand-eye coordination as they aim to pass the ball accurately.
- They develop balance and coordination as they move around the circle to pass the ball.
- The activity promotes teamwork and cooperation as the child engages with others.

Science

- The child learns about force and motion as they throw the ball and observe its trajectory.
- They explore concepts of gravity and how it affects the ball's movement.
- The child may experiment with different amounts of force to see how it affects the distance the ball travels.
- They develop an understanding of cause and effect as they see the ball move when they throw
 it.

Social Studies

- The child learns about cooperation and teamwork by taking turns and passing the ball to others.
- They develop social skills as they interact with their peers during the activity.
- The child may learn about different cultures and traditions where circle time is a common practice.
- They develop an understanding of personal space and respecting others' boundaries.

Continued Development: Encourage the child to come up with different variations of passing the ball at circle time. They can try passing the ball under their legs, passing it with their non-dominant hand, or even try a cooperative passing game where they have to work together to pass the ball through a hoop or to a target. These variations will enhance their motor skills, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.

Book Recommendations

- <u>Let's Play Ball</u> by Sue Tarsky: A delightful story about a group of friends who learn to play different ball games together.
- <u>The Passing Game</u> by Lisa Thompson: A book that introduces the concept of teamwork and passing the ball in various sports.
- <u>Circle Time Fun</u> by Laura Nienhaus: An interactive book that combines circle time activities and games, including passing a ball.

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