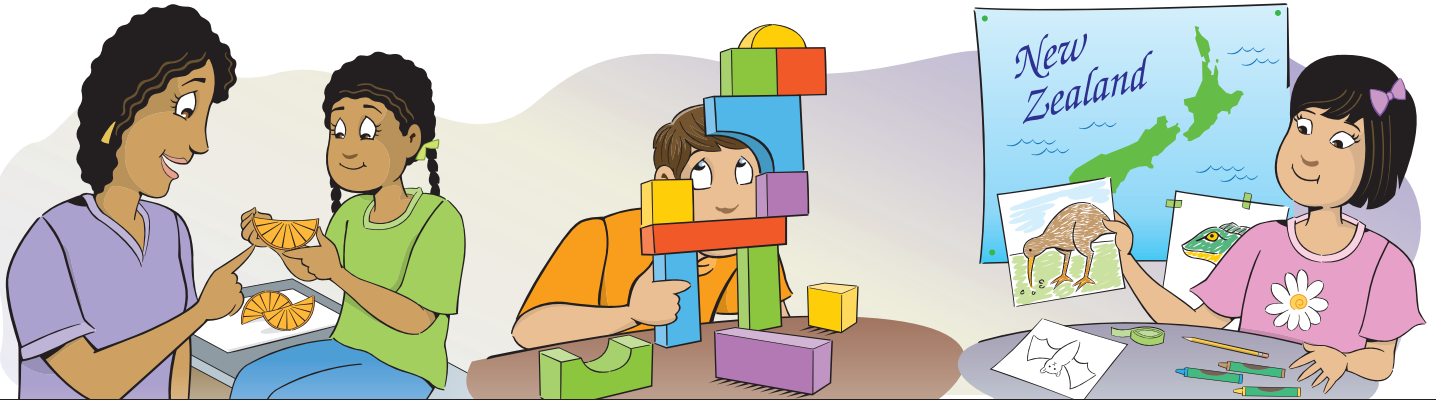


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- 1. Cut out yellow triangles and a brown circle. Ask your child to glue the yellow triangles around the brown circle to make a sunflower.
- 2. Help your child make a "Things I Know" book.
- 3. Say a word and see if your child can think of others that rhyme with it.
- 4. Teach a song to your child today.
- 5. Look at the comics with your child today.
- 6. Let your child touch different fabrics such as velvet, cotton, corduroy, terry cloth and burlap. Ask him how they feel.
- 7. Give your child some extra bath time. Supervise while she plays in the water with pitchers, cups and spoons.
- 8. Ask your child, "Can you make a noise like a truck?"
- 9. Plan a TV schedule with your child for the coming week.
- 10. Give your child some play dough and plastic straws. Help him poke the straws into the play dough to make a porcupine.
- 11. Let your child help you collect the trash. She can dump small wastebaskets into a trash bag that you are holding.
- 12. Give your child raw carrot sticks for a snack today.
- 13. Ask your child to draw a picture of his favorite animal.
- 14. Pour salt onto a metal cookie sheet. Let your child practice writing letters in the salt with her finger.
- 15. Help your child practice sorting with a deck of cards. Sort by color, shape or number.
- 16. Teach your child a nursery rhyme.
- 17. Ask your child, "What if cows could fly?"
- 18. Let your child "paint" outside with water and a paintbrush.
- 19. Have your child stand on a piece of paper while you trace her feet. Then trace your own feet and compare sizes.
- 20. Secretly choose an object. Say your child is *warm* or *hot* as he nears it, and *cool* or *cold* as he moves away from it.
- 21. Take your child to the library today.
- 22. Learn about taste opposites. For *sweet* versus *sour*, use sugar and a lemon. For *salty* versus *bland* use pretzels and a potato.
- 23. Ask your child to sort toys from smallest to largest.
- 24. Use a sock to make a hand puppet for your child.
- 25. Have your child help you make a salad.
- 26. Let your child see you reading.
- 27. Measure your child today.
- 28. Blow bubbles with your child. See who can catch the most bubbles.
- 29. Have your child paint or draw to music. Use different songs for each painting and compare the results.
- 30. Cut an apple in half and remove all the apple seeds. Count the seeds with your child. Then share the apple.



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