

Imitation & Learning

Imitation is a powerful learning tool. Children learn by observing other people. You are a role model.



TRY SOMETHING NEW

Young children can't talk to tell us what they know.

But they can use imitation to show us! As children's memory gets better, they remember actions for longer.



TRY THIS!

Have you ever been surprised to see your child do something you didn't teach him? Maybe he used a napkin to wipe his face or fed his bear a bottle. Show him something new and see how long he remembers!

EMBRACE THE FUN

Children love to imitate our actions because it connects them to other people. It helps them see how others are like them.



TRY THIS!

Do something silly and see how your child responds! Children love pretend play and role-taking. Take on a different character and encourage your child to play along.

BE A ROLE MODEL

Watching others is how infants learn. Caregivers are role models for young children. Children observe our behavior and want to be like us.



TRY THIS!

Model actions you'd like children to repeat. What kinds of behaviors do you hope to teach? Gently pet the family dog or model how to brush your teeth.

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