

# Parent Conversations and Activities

## Humor

1. Talk about what the words “real” and “make believe” mean. Then give your children several statements and have them tell you if they are real or make believe.
  - Pigs can fly
  - Dogs can fly airplanes
  - Cats can talk
  - Children go to school
  - Fish can swim
  - Elephants have cars
2. After reading a book from the humor unit, act out the funniest part of the book.
3. Take a trip to the library and read some other humorous stories.
4. Make character puppets from a pair of socks. They don't have to match. Ask your child to act out the funniest part of the story he/she read.
5. Help your child learn a knock knock joke to share with his/her friends or family.
6. Ask your child to retell a funny story. Ask your child to start at the beginning. Then ask what happened next etc
7. Give your child a funny note. Then have them dictate one to you.
8. After reading a book to your child, ask him/her to change the ending.
9. Tell your child a funny story from your childhood. Then ask him/her about something that has happened to them.
10. Together watch a child appropriate humorous television program. Afterwards ask him/her what was the funniest part of the show.
11. Ask your child to make up a funny story and draw a picture of the funniest part or act it out.

12. Play "Simon Says" with your child. Don't forget the silly directions such as peep steps and umbrella steps.
13. Teach your child a tongue twister like Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers or make up one of your own.
14. After you read a story from the Humor unit to your child, ask him/her to make up his/her own funny story and act it out.