

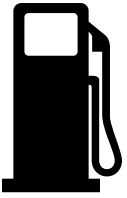
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## FUN THINGS TO DO

## WITH OLDER TODDLERS



Play a guessing game. Put a small item in a bag. Ask the toddler to reach in and try to guess what the item is without looking at it.



Create a "gas station" for tricycles and other riding toys. You can use a hose, jump rope, or empty watering can to fill the "gas tanks."



Make doll furniture. Use diaper boxes, tissue boxes, or other boxes to build beds, chairs, or cradles for dolls and stuffed animals.



Read an animal book together and act out the animal motions it describes. Have your own animal parade with others!

Experiment with sounds. Use your voices to make loud sounds and soft sounds. Talk about the different sounds you make.



Finger-paint with shaving cream or whipped cream. Remember that for 2-year-olds, the fun is in the process, not the final result!



Make a playhouse or fort out of a large box, by blocking a corner with a chair, or by draping a blanket over a table!



Help children act out a simple, familiar story. Often this is easiest when an adult takes the narrator's role, cuing children when to play their parts.



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