

Play the Telephone Game

This activity will support children in using appropriate conversation skills and interacting with adults.

What to do:

1. Get a pair of paper cups and make a hole in the bottom of each paper cup with a pencil. Put the string through the hole and make a big knot this way the string won't come loose.
2. Get your string phone and pretend that you are dialing your child's phone number to call him/her.
3. Encourage him/her to pick up the phone and answer.
4. Teach your child how to say "hello" when he/she answers the phone.
5. Try to keep the conversation going with several questions. For example, how are you today? What do you like to play? What's your favorite toy? How's the weather today? Is it cloudy, sunny, hot, or cold? Ask as many questions to have a full conversation with your child.

Once the activity is over discuss and explain to your child what happened during the telephone call. Ask he/her if they would like to do it again.

Materials:

- Pair of paper cups
- Pencil
- String



Why is this activity important?

This activity is important because children will be able to use language and learn new ways to engage in conversations. Furthermore, they will practice expressive vocabulary and the use of social rules of language. They will be able to build relationships with adults and they will be able to respond to emotional cues.