



# Family Activity Kit #3: Let's Pretend

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## **SING:** "I'm A Little Teapot"

Have fun pretending to be a tea kettle with this classic children's song and dance.

*I'm a little teapot, short and stout  
Here is my handle, here is my spout  
When I get all steamed up, here me shout  
Tip me over and pour me out*

**Find it on Youtube:** "I'm A Little Teapot - The Kiboomers"

## **TALK:** Five Little Gingerbread Men

Cut out and decorate each of the five gingerbread man pieces included with this kit. Place the pieces on a cookie sheet or tray. Use the pieces to act out this simple count-down rhyme:

***Five** little gingerbread men, lying on the tray,  
One jumped up and ran away,  
Shouting, "Catch me, catch me if you can...  
You can't catch me, I'm a gingerbread man!"*

Repeat with **four**, **three**, **two** and **one** gingerbread men until all the pieces are gone.

## **READ:** Read a book about the **Power of Imagination!** Check out our suggested books below:

- Zathura: A Space Adventure by Chris Van Allsburg (J VAN)
- Isabella, Star of the Story by Jennifer Fosberry (E FOS)
- Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson (E JOH)
- Nora's Castle by Satomi Ichikawa (E ICH)
- How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long (E LON)
- We're All Wonders by R. J. Palacio (E PAL)
- Not a Box by Antoinette Portis (E POR)
- Not a Stick by Antoinette Portis (E POR)
- The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat (E SAN)
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak (E SEN)
- Alice the Fairy by David Shannon (E SHA)
- The Dressed Up Book by Kathy Stinson (E STI)
- If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen (E VAN)
- What To Do With a Box by Jane Yolen (E YOL)



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## **WRITE:** Magic Pencil

Make writing magical by transforming an ordinary pencil into a magic wand!

### **You will need:**

- Pencil (included)
- Curling ribbon (included)
- Glitter tape (included)
- Scissors
- Scotch tape (optional)



**Step 1:** Help your child to decorate the pencil using the glitter tape. Wrap it around in a spiral, make rings, run a stripe vertically or use a design of your own choosing! Optional: Reinforce the glitter tape with scotch tape to help it last longer.

**Step 2:** Tie the length of curling ribbon around the pencil near the eraser end. Use scissors to curl the ribbon. If your child has never seen this before, let them watch and ask them why they think the ribbon acts the way it does! (It is actually because when you pull on the ribbon, the side that is not touching the blade stretches and becomes longer, but the side touching the blade is not able to, so the ribbon bends and curls.)

**Step 3:** Have your child practice writing and drawing with their new "magic" pencil. In the future, save the pencil for special occasions when your child needs an extra boost of confidence.

## **PLAY:** Dress-Up

Dress-up play encourages children's natural curiosity and creativity, while also building social skills as they literally put themselves "in the shoes" of another person. Costumes are great for playing dress-up, but so are old clothes, uniforms, accessories, jewelry, luggage, sporting equipment and whatever else you can find in the back of a closet. (Don't forget their magic wand!) Lay out a selection and let your child's imagination take the lead.

## **Summer Readers: Earn a Bonus Ticket!**

Do one of the following and **check in at the circulation desk** on or before **Saturday August 1:**

- Share a picture of your child's magic wand pencil (and/or wacky dress-up outfit!) on Facebook or Instagram and tag Salmon Public Library
- Email a picture to salmonlibrary1@gmail.com
- Bring in your magic wand pencil for us to snap a photo!