

DO THIS AT HOME

Cups of Fun

Try this activity at home to reinforce what your child learned about using his imagination!

What Your Child Will Learn

When your child takes simple objects and manipulates them in ways that are new and exciting to him, it expands his imagination and learning. Open-ended opportunities are created and play possibilities are endless!

Materials Needed

cups of varying shapes, sizes, colors, and/or thickness

What to Do

- ▶ Spend several weeks collecting all sizes and shapes of non-breakable drinking cups.
- ▶ To generate your child's interest in the cups, lay them all out on a table. Tell your child you would like him to make a tower out of the cups. Challenge him to see how high he can build the tower before it falls. Let him experiment with putting different-sized cups on the bottom, in the middle, and on the top. Talk about what works best and why.
- ▶ Next, ask your child to come up with new ideas for using these cups. Talk with him about his ideas.
- ▶ Have the cups readily available for your child, and encourage him to share his ideas with you. Get ready to watch his imagination soar, and have your camera handy!
- ▶ What other everyday materials can you use in new ways? Try pots and pans, measuring spoons and cups, pillows of various shapes and sizes, and so on.

*You can download this activity and the other at-home activities in this book at www.centerforresilientchildren.org/SSES.