



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Activity # 31 “My Book of Favorite Things”

You will need: Three-ring binder
Plain white paper (8 ½” X 11”)
Plastic sleeve to hold the paper
Black Sharpie and washable markers
Scissors and glue
Magazines and catalogs with colorful pictures

Before you begin:

- Give your toddler a catalog or magazine to look at. Talk about the pictures that interest him the most or represent some of his favorite things.
- Gather your scissors, glue and paper.

Try this!

- Cut out the pictures your child likes best. Glue each one on a piece of plain white paper.
- Print the name of each toy or object at the bottom of the picture.
- Write any additional comments your child makes about the picture, “*Big dog*” or “*That’s my dog.*”
- Put each page in a plastic sleeve and put them in the three-ring binder.
- Write “My Favorite Things” on an index card and tape it to the front of the binder. Add your child’s name to the card as the author of the book.
- Read the title of the book, then encourage the toddler to “read” the pictures to you.
- Talk with him about the pictures as he turns the pages. Discuss which page is your toddler’s favorite and why.

Try this variation of the activity!

- Add to your toddler’s collection as he finds more pictures that he likes.
- Begin with pictures of things and then look for pictures with action. Examples of action would be a picture of children in a swimming pool or a picture of a man and a girl with fishing poles. Ask questions such as, “*What do you think the man and the girl are doing?*”