

When I Grow Up!

Materials needed: Name tags to place on children as they role-plays/pretend to be: mom, dad, grandma, grandpa

1. Invite children to role-play. Have them pretend to be a Mom, Dad, grandparent or whoever takes care of them.

You may wish to show the children how to role- play, though most do it without knowing it.

By asking the children, "How would you do this differently?" you can encourage several variations on each of the following situations:

- You are your mom /dad and you are going out to a special dinner. What will you say to your kindergarten child before you leave?
- Your kindergarten child came home from school crying. He says that his friends won't play with him. What will you say?
- You are a mom and you made a special dinner for your family. Your kindergarten child is tired and cranky and won't eat. What will you say? What will you do?

Sometimes when we present situations similar to the above, children can learn to see through another's eyes.