

Approaches to Learning Activity for 30 to 36 Months

Let's Choose

Playing pretend games helps young children learn about making choices.

Materials:

• Several stuffed animals

What to do:

- 1. Sit on the floor with the child and put several stuffed animals on the floor with you.
- 2. Talk to one of the animals. "Mr. Bear, would you like cereal or cheese today?" Ask the child to answer for Mr. Bear.
- 3. Discuss the pros and cons of the choice.
- 4. Pick up another animal and say, "Bunny rabbit, are you going to play inside or outside today?"
- 5. Discuss the answer again.
- 6. Encourage the child to feel good about the choices she makes.

