



Celebrate April Fools Day with these activities picked just for you!

Fooling Around: This is a fun way to strengthen your child's memory! Sit with your child in any room of your house. Tell your child to look around the room and put a picture of it in their mind. Then, ask your child to leave the room while you "fool around" and make a few changes. Once your child leaves, move things off of a table or turn a trashcan upside down, or switch the pillows from one chair to another. Anything you can think of! Have your child come back in the room and see if they can identify all of the changes you made and put things back to normal!

Silly animals: Let your child go through some old books or magazines and help them cut out pictures of different animals. Glue each picture on a single sheet of paper or large index cards. Then, cut the animals in half. Lay out the pieces of tops and bottoms of animals and have your child put them back together in a silly way! What does the top of a monkey paired with the bottom of a zebra look like? How about the bottom of a lion with the top of an elephant? Let your child explore all sorts of silly combinations and then give new animal names to their favorites!

Real or Make-Believe: Use the term "April Fools!" to help your child make a distinction between real and make-believe. Make a statement to your child like "I just saw a fish running down the street!" and then say "April Fools!" Make another statement such as "I just saw a car stop at the light" but don't say "April Fools!" Get your child to understand the concept of make-believe statements which can't really happen and real statements that can happen. Let them make statements and remind them that if they tell you something that is make-believe they have to say "April Fools" after they say it!

