



# Silly Shoe Mix-Up

OLDER TODDLERS

**Materials** shoes  
large canvas bag

- What to do**
1. Ask each child to remove a shoe.
  2. One at a time, the children come forward and put their shoe in the bag.
  3. After all the children's shoes are in the bag, dramatically shake the bag to mix them all up.
  4. Have the children take turns removing a shoe from the bag.
  5. When all of the children are holding a shoe from the bag, tell them to find the owners of the shoes.
  6. The children will have a blast as they try to find the owners of the shoes. This is a great activity for children to get to know each other and interact with each other.

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# I Keep My Hands to Myself

OLDER TODDLERS

**Materials** none

- What to do** Invite the children to recite the following poem, making the suggested gestures when prompted.

*I hold my hands up in front of me,  
Palms out and say,  
"These are my hands and they belong to me, (tap chest with hands)  
And I'm going to keep them just on me." (tap chest with hands)*

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# King or Queen for the Week

OLDER TODDLERS

**Materials** child-sized chair decorated with imitation jewels and sequins  
tiara  
scepter  
cape

- What to do**
1. Each week, select one child to be the king or queen. This is a great self-esteem builder and it gives each child a chance to feel special.
  2. Have the king or queen for the week make a "Me Poster" at home. Ask families to help their child choose photos or draw pictures of family, friends, pets, favorite foods, and events. Ask the child to bring in the poster and share it with the class. Be sure to display the poster in the room during the week.
  3. Have a royal chair designated for the king or queen (glue imitation jewels and sequins to a small chair). Let the child sit in the royal chair and wear the royal garb during circle time that week.
  4. Have one of the child's favorite foods for snack that week.
  5. You may have other special tasks for the king or queen, such as greeter, snack helper, and so on.

**Related book** *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub* by Audrey and Don Wood

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