

# CURIOSITY AT HOME

## EASY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



### ASK QUESTIONS

Get curious about your children. Ask questions about what they like and dislike, how they're feeling, what they did that day, etc. It is good to ask children questions that could have many answers, like "Why do you think the fire is hot" or "Where do you think ants go at night?". These types of questions help them to build their critical thinking skills.

### ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Ask your children to get curious with you too. Encouraging your children to ask questions helps them to take an active role in their own learning. You can encourage questions during any daily activity. For example, when the family is having a meal together, you can have your children ask the other family members "How was your day? Tell me about it." When you are cooking, you can say, "I am cooking beans. What do you want to know about beans? Do you know where beans grow?"



### QUESTIONS DURING HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES

Invite your children to participate in your normal household activities, such as cooking, cleaning, and caring for younger children. Ask them questions like, "Why do you think it takes so long for the pot of water to boil?" "Why does the floor get dirty?" or "Why do you think the baby is crying—what is she trying to tell us?"

### QUESTION DURING PLAY

Encourage curiosity during play by asking questions. For example:

- Who won the race?
- How could you be faster next time?
- Did you have fun even though you didn't win?
- What other games could you play that involve running?
- Does running make you happy? What else makes you happy?



### QUESTION DURING STORIES

Get curious while telling/reading stories to your children by asking questions to build comprehension. For example:

- What do you think this story is about? (when looking at the cover of the book)
- Who do you think we are going to learn about in this story?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Could she/he have done that in a different way?

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