

CAREGIVER CONNECTION CARD

Young Audiences of Louisiana 
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Mirror, Mirror

Social Emotional Skills

Perhaps you have noticed that you have an extra shadow now. Children take their cues from the grown-ups around them by mimicking their behaviors, words or actions. At this age your child is learning about the world through observation. Copying you is an act of bonding and by imitating your behavior, she has an immediate empathetic response. Imitation is also a cornerstone of language development. She is using imitation to learn social emotional language and skills.

Tips to Connect

Imitation will often occur as you're doing tasks around the house. Your child will want to get in on the action. Try to carve out some of the task for her to tackle.



MAIN PROP

Mirror

ALTERNATIVE PROP
Second Language

Do you speak another language? Have you always wanted to learn? 3 to 4 years old is a great time to introduce a new language. Simply introduce the word with a picture or other visual cue, and repeat. Soon your mini mimic will be adding a new language to her vocabulary.

Mirror, Mirror

In sing song voice

*Mirror, mirror on the wall
 who's the happiest of them all?*

*Mirror, mirror on the wall
 who's the saddest of them all?*

Repeat the lines adding any emotion.