**Things to Save:** Many things around your house can be used in play activities by your children. Here are some ideas for things that you might wish to save and ways that you might use some of these materials.

### FROM THE KITCHEN:
- Beans and seeds
- Plastic salt shakers
- Plastic bowls and tumblers
- Plastic sponges
- Wooden bowls and spoons
- Milk cartons
- Milk bottle tops
- Cereal cartons
- Plastic meat trays - washed
- Cooking pans
- Flour sifter
- Funnels, muffin tins
- Soap flakes
- Paper bags
- Food coloring
- Macaroni and Spaghetti
- Paper plates
- Corks
- Straws
- Popsicle sticks
- Soap bars
- Plastic lids
- Egg cartons

### POSSIBLE USES:
- Bean bag, growing experiments
- Rattles
- Nesting toys
- Bath toys, painting
- Banging toys, sand play
- Rattles, blocks, growing pots
- Game counters, money, stringing
- Drums, stacking toys, playing store
- Sewing cards, crafts, paint dishes
- Domestic play
- Cooking activities
- Sand play
- Bubbles, water play
- Hats, masks, puppets, vests
- Cooking, paint
- Stringing necklaces, pasting
- Hats, sewing
- Animals, boats to float
- Stringing, pasting, blowing bubbles
- Boats, crafts, paste sticks
- Boats to float, smelling games
- Key chains, bracelets, paste or paint dishes
- Sorting games, crafts

### FROM THE SEWING ROOM AND LAUNDRY:
- Plastic Needles
- Elastic
- String, yarn, etc.
- Buttons
- Fabric pieces
- Plastic bleach jug - wash first!
- Tape measure
- Clothespins
- Spools

### POSSIBLE USES:
- Sewing cloth or cards
- Dangle toys, doll clothes
- Sewing collages, string games, crafts
- Sewing, stringing, sorting
- Touching, sorting, doll clothes, pasting collages
- Scoops, buckets for sand play
- Measuring children, furniture, etc.
- Manipulative play, small dolls
- Dangle toys, stringing, crafts

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FROM THE BEDROOM OR CLOTHES CLOSET

Jewelry
Cotton socks
Shoe laces
Pieces of fur
Gloves
Men and women's clothing
Scarves
Feathers
Handbags
Nylon stockings
Lipstick, rouge, etc.

FROM THE HOME IN GENERAL

Paper clips
Tissue and wrapping paper
Poker chips
Cellophane tape
Stapler
Playing cards
Pipe cleaners
All art media such as rulers, pencils, felt pens, paper, glue, ink, etc.
Film cans
Cardboard boxes
Towels
Holiday cards
Magazines and catalogs
Film spools and reels
Wallpaper samples
Brushes
Cardboard rolls
Small tools, bolts, nuts
Rope and wire
Clocks
Stones, rocks, pine cones, acorns

POSSIBLE USES

Dangle toys, dressing up
Balls, dolls
Stringing beads, practicing lacing shoes
Animals, hats, crafts
Puppet heads, dress-up
Dress-up play
Dancing
Indian headdress, bird games, crafts
Doll bags, dress-up
Wigs, doll hair, stuffing
Playing grown up, circus

POSSIBLE USES

Necklaces, manipulative toys
Paint, collage, crafts
Stack, manipulative toys, money
Crafts, hats, pictures, etc.
Booklets, pictures
Building, card games
Animals, bubble blowers, crafts

Sound games, sorting, stacking
Storage, doll beds
Cuddly toys, wash cloths
Cutting, small puzzles
Scrapbooks, designs, collage
Wheels, making pulleys
Cutting, pasting, crafts
Water play, painting
Counting games, telescope, talking tubes
Manipulation, construction
Knots, for climbing, mobiles
Numbers, mechanical experimentation
Games, collections, science lessons

“A three-year old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a $56.00 set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm.”

Bill Vaughan