Great Big Happy Smile
I have something in my pocket
It belongs across my face
I keep it very close to me
In a most convenient place
You'll never, never guess it
If you guess a long, long while
So I'll take it out and put it on
It's a great big happy smile!
(go slow so the kids can try and guess beforehand)

Imagination Station
(You can suggest ideas to pretend at first, then let your children come up with their own ideas)
Let's all go to imagination station
Imagination station, imagination station,
Let's all go to imagination station
Imagine you're doing this:
Eating an ice cream cone...
Pretending to be a cat...
Flying to the moon in a rocket ship...

Here is My Box
Here is my box...
(make a box with one hand)
Put on the lid!
(put lid on with other hand)
I wonder whatever inside is hid...
(make animal noise and let kids guess)
I bet it's a (dog/cat/cow/snake!)
Without a doubt
Open the lid
And let them come out!
(Children love any kind of interactive guessing games like this one. Let them make the animal sounds and you can guess also!)

If All the Raindrops
If all the raindrops
Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain it would be!
I'd stand outside with my mouth open wide
Ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah ah...
If all the raindrops
Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain it would be!
Continue with other verses...
If all the snow flakes
Were candy bars and milkshakes...
If all the sunbeams
Were bubblegum and ice cream...
(this is a fun song, again, for children to create their own verses)

Things to do Together

- **Cloud watching**—On a warm day, go outside (backyard, park) and look up at the clouds in the sky. Ask your child: What do the clouds look like? Do they remind you of anything else (shape, animal, food, etc.)? This is a simple way to experience nature and also have an imaginative conversation together.

- **Read Alouds**—There is no more wonderful way to develop your child’s imagination than by reading books aloud together. Reading aloud is something you can do with your children before they are born and continue doing even when they themselves are readers. Have them read to you!

Other Resources
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