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Alphabet Soup Collage

Materials:

- ABC Trace Sheet
- Scissors
- Crayons and Markers
- Construction Paper
- Glue Stick
- 1 Large Spoon
- 2 Different Sized Plates or Bowls

Talk About It:

Waiter, There's an Alphabet in My Soup!

Every day your child sees words all around—in books, on street signs, on the computer. Point out that these words are made up of letters and that letters are symbols for sounds.

Make it:

Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items on the material list.

Little Hands Tip: Ask your child to make the shape of a letter using the crayons/markers.

Step 2: Print It Out

Print out the ABC Trace Sheet. Point to each letter, call out the letter's name, and sound it out together.

Little Hands Tip: Ask your child to point to the first letter of her name.



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Step 3: Tracing Time

Choose two pieces of paper and place each plate or bowl in the center of it. Next, help your child trace each bowl or plate on the construction paper. The smaller circle shape will represent the soup and the larger one, the bowl.

Step 4: Spoon Shape

On another sheet of paper, help your child trace a large spoon.

Step 5: Glue It All Together

Use the glue stick to attach the small circle to the center of the large circle. Then, glue the spoon on the side of the "bowl."

Step 6: The Letters in Your Name

Ask your child to trace and color the letters of her name using the ABC Trace page. (You can use the empty blocks to write extra letters.) If you don't have a printer, you can cut letters out of an old magazine instead. Don't forget to use lots of different colors—this will make the soup collage look even sillier!

Step 7: Letter Talk

Give examples of words that begin with each of the letters that make up your child's name. Cut out the letters on the dotted lines. Talk about the letters you are cutting out.

Little Hands Tip: Ask your child to name something that begins with each letter?

Step 8: Add in the Letters

Glue the letters into the "soup." As you glue each letter, talk about the sound that letter makes. Be on the lookout for letters that have two sounds. (A as in "bay" or "cat;" C as in "cat" or "city;" E as in "leg" or "key;" G as in "gas" or "gel;" I as in "ice" or "igloo;" O as in "hot" or "cold;" U as in "music" or "bug.")

Step 9: The Finishing Touches

It's okay if your child doesn't understand different letter sounds yet. It's great practice for your child to hear you say them. After you've finished gluing the letters, encourage your child to add ingredients to the soup. Draw some carrots, radishes, or potatoes. Place this yummy new collage on your refrigerator for all to enjoy!