

LAUGH – 9 to 18 Months

Activities You Can Do With Your Young Child Today

- ◆ The very familiar games you played when baby was younger can now become slightly more involved. For example, peek-a-boo can be participatory with a scarf or cloth over baby's head that baby pulls off himself.
- ◆ Funny faces are always good, but when your baby is on the floor on his or her tummy, get down on the floor too. The world will look different, and your funny faces will make baby laugh. Baby's funny faces will make you laugh too.
- ◆ Now is when baby is learning about gravity and what could be funnier than dropping things and having you pick them up-- over and over again. if you say the same thing every time-- "oops-a-daisy" or "oh my goodness me" or any other phrase that fits the situation, baby will love the repetition.
- ◆ As baby becomes more active, he or she is bound to lose balance or fall more frequently. By making this a game with multiple kisses for any owies on baby, you can turn a sad moment into a happy one.
- ◆ Now is when board books can be a fun and funny way to share the world with your child. Sandra Boynton and Leslie Patricelli are two authors who have a sense of humor that you and your child will enjoy. Look for Yummy YUCKY by Patricelli and Moo Baa La La La by Boynton, although any board books by these authors are fun.

