



Family Activities

Title: **A Three Hat Day**

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R.R. Pottle the Third shows students that dreams can come true...at the change of a hat. LeVar learns that hats can signify many different types of work and play. When he puts on a jockey's cap, he visits a racetrack, rides in a horse race, and experiences the thrill of the winner's circle. A goalie's helmet takes him to an ice rink where he joins a professional hockey team. With an engineer's hat, he is whisked away to a house-sized model train display.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Fit for a King or a Queen

To make a "hat" fit for royalty, you will need:

- thin cardboard (such as colorful poster board)
- scissors
- glue or stapler
- markers
- glitter glue
- decorations (such as sequins, buttons, beads)

Directions:

1. Cut a length of cardboard to fit around the head.
2. Cut out one long end to resemble the top of a crown.
3. Decorate the crown with markers and glitter glue as well as sequins, buttons, beads, and other decorations.
4. Once the glue has dried, bend to form a crown and staple or glue in place.

Capture the Hat

Several children, including family members, young and old, can play this new version of an old game.

You will need:

- old hats
- small objects

Set up: Form two teams. Each team needs a few hats and other small objects. Each team should have the same number of "belongings." A dividing line is marked between



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each team's territory on the playing field. Each team drops their belongings in their own territory.

To play:

1. Each team organizes a "raiding party" to go and capture the other team's belongings, while at the same time guarding their own.
2. Any player caught on the opponent's side is taken prisoner. Members of the prisoner's team must rescue the prisoner before further raiding can take place.
3. The game ends when one team has taken all of the opposing team's belongings.

Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

Maebelle's Suitcase by Tricia Tusa

Shoes by Elizabeth Winthrop