

# PRETEND

I'm a girl or a boy from day to day. But when I get to pretend, it's fun to play

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You may already have a selection of dress-up clothes for your kids to use in their pretending, but if not, start by putting some of your discarded adult clothing into a big box. You may also want to include a few old sheer curtain panels that can be used as a super hero cape or a princess outfit. Old hats and shoes really add some “pizzaz” to the box of goodies, too.

Ask your kids what role they'd like to try out as they begin using their pretend box of clothes. If possible, let the kids see themselves in a mirror once they are in full costume. Of course, you'll want to set aside some time for pretending when the children are dressed. Your kids will really appreciate that you remember how to play and make believe right along with them!

***“You aren't just the age you are, you are all the ages you ever have been!”***

Kenneth Koch – Poet