

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

Dishing Out Memories

(NAPSA)—If you're looking for an unusual and creative way to share your childhood experiences with your youngsters, it may help to cook up some ideas in the kitchen.

That's because activities ranging from baking to mixing food coloring can be a great way to spend time with your kids—and such activities have been shared between parents and children for generations.

Even everyday kitchen items such as cups can help parents pour on the nostalgic fun. For example, paper cups can be filled with juice and then frozen to make delicious push-up freeze pops, or they can be tied together with tight string to make a mini-telephone (two timeless kitchen classics).

The cups can also be used for:

- **Paint Holders**—Pour different colors of poster paint into the cups. Fill another one with water (makes for easy cleanup) and create your masterpiece.

- **Playing Games**—Dixie now prints games on the sides of its cups. For example, the "Hunt For Billy" line features a variety of shapes—including Billy the puppy, his bowl, tennis ball, leash, doghouse, bone, paw print and collar—hidden in an intricate design on the side of the cup.

- **Seed Cups**—Put top soil or potting soil in a cup. Plant garden flowers and watch them grow.

- **Worm Cups**—For a short fishing trip, put some dirt and worms in a cup. After the trip, let the leftover worms go and throw



Cups can make great paint—or bug—holders, depending on your child's interests.

the cup away.

- **Serving Cups**—The cups are small, and the right size for serving little people with little appetites. Try putting some pretzels and raisins in a cup for a healthy and fun treat.

- **Bug Collecting**—Cups are great for holding small bugs such as caterpillars or ladybugs. Cover the cup with a small piece of plastic wrap and fasten it with a rubber band. Remember to poke holes in the cup to let air flow through, and be sure to eventually let your bug-buddy go back to his home.

- **Sand Castles**—Bring cups to the beach to help build towers on your sand castles and to help fill the moats with water. Throw away the cups when you are done.

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