

**VeggieTales**  
**Pistachio**

# Family Time Fun!

Games and Activities To Help Teach Your Children About  
**The Importance Of Family And Listening To Their Parents**

## Papa Says...Mama Says

*Pistachio did not want to obey Gelato. In fact, he wanted to do WHATEVER he wanted WHENEVER he wanted. Discuss briefly with your little ones why this kind of behavior caused Pistachio to get into trouble. Now have some fun with this game of obedience.*



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Choose one parent as leader to stand in front of the children (and any other family members). The parent gives out instructions such as "raise your right hand," "blink your eyes three times," "turn around," etc. The leader follows all of the

commands, but the children and others do so only if they are preceded by the words "Papa Says" or "Mama Says." When a child makes a movement when he

should not, he is eliminated. Play continues until only one person remains. This game can be played with a small or very large group of children and their friends and is more fun if the commands are given very quickly.

## Family Circle

*Remind your children that at the end of the show, Pistachio realized the importance of his father and family. Emphasize the fact that we all need our families. Tell them that families come in many shapes and sizes, and that this is a "get acquainted game"!*

One parent serves as the leader at the beginning of the game and calls out a question. Example: "What is your favorite dessert?" The entire family, including the leader, writes their answer on a piece of paper (the leader might help write answers for wee ones) and hands it to the leader. The leader reads all the answers and beginning from the right of the leader, each family member guesses which answer matches up with a family member. Remember than some family members could have the same answer, but a correct guess counts.



The family member with the most correct answers becomes the leader and gets to ask a question on the next turn. Make the questions simple and fun and keep the game going until everyone gets a turn!

## The Nose Grows

*Talk to your children about what happened to Pistachio each time he told a lie. Give some examples of his not telling the truth. (Pistachio told Gelato he was going to buy a book and would come right back.) Encourage discussion about what happens when we deceive someone and how Pistachio's growing nose became a burden to him just like the terrible feeling we get when we tell a lie. After you have discussed the importance of telling the truth, have some fun with this nose-growing activity.*



You will need several pieces of newspaper (approximately 10"x22 1/2") for each child. Begin by securely rolling one sheet of newspaper from one of the shorter sides until about three or four inches are left. Insert another piece of newspaper where you stopped rolling and continue to roll the paper as the previous. Repeat the process using four or five pieces of newspaper. As one child holds the newspaper roll up to his nose, have another child gently pull on the center strip of paper from the roll and watch the nose grow!

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