

MEDIA AS A PORTAL TO PLAY

When many of us watched television as children, our viewing was interspersed with advertisements. When a show finished, a break enabled viewing to end. Many parents said, "watch until the end of the show". Which created a clear end point.

Today, with streaming services, episodes roll together and moving away from the screen is more challenging. These ideas suggest ways to transition from shows and extend opportunities based on media viewing.

At bath time, blocks and pegs that float can be submarines, and fish to extend **Octonauts**

Extend **Dinosaur Train** to create a pretend prehistoric jungle with your child in the garden or park

Bluey

Dinosaur Train

PJ Masks

Watch **Bluey** with your child and create your own **Bluey** inspired imaginative game

When a TV show ends, encourage your child to "draw the next episode" in a place to draw together

If your child plays **PJ Masks** or **Spidey and his Amazing Friends**, material with eye holes cut out makes a great mask

Octonauts

Spidey and his Amazing Friends

If your child's play is about a tv show they watch, ask what character you are and play that role.