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Why is it important? Learning opposites helps us expand our vocabulary to include items as well as their antonyms. It also helps them better understand language and communicate with peers and adults.

Everyday Tips: Opposites are very much a conversational lesson. Do a little word play with your child using opposites and enhancing their understanding of positional words by saying silly things like "Are you sure you want to sit on the couch? Or should we sit the couch on you?" See something extraordinarily tall? Talk with your child about what the opposite of that would look like.

Activity 1: Set up a sink-float experiment! Fill up a tub, a bowl, or whatever else you have at your house and let your child experiment with putting different items in it to see if they'll sink or float. You can even run through the scientific method with this simple opposites activity. With each item, ask your child what they think will happen. Then, have them run the experiment. Then, ask them what they think it means.

Activity 2: Color Wheel Coloring! Using the color wheel, find out what the opposite of each color is that your child wants to color with. For instance, on the color wheel the opposite of green is red. That means, any grass on your picture should be colored red! The sky- orange!



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