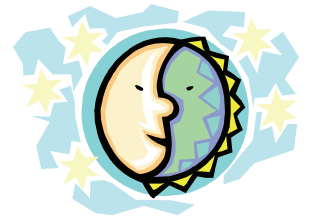


# Let's Talk About **I Love You So Much**

Lola has something important to say. But everyone is too busy to hear. Does your child feel there are times when people are too rushed to listen to him? Reassure him that his words are important to you.

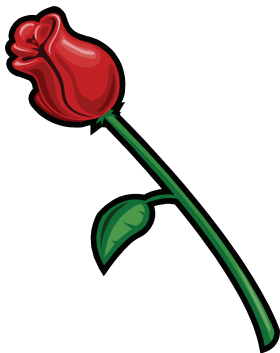


Lola goes through an entire day before she is able to say her special words. Look at the pictures. Can your child figure out what time of the day it is from Lola's activities and routines?



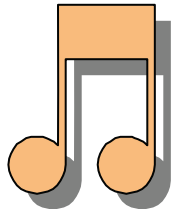
## Let's Play With Rhymes

### Roses Are Red



Roses are red,  
Violets are blue.  
Honey is sweet  
And so are you!

### *You Are My Sunshine*



You are my sunshine  
My only sunshine.  
You make me happy  
When skies are grey.  
You'll never know dear  
How much I love you.  
Please don't take my sunshine away.



## Note to Parents & Caregivers

Listening is as important to language development and pre-reading skills as giving information to children through explanations and gestures. Many young children need a lot of time to express the words they have in mind. Give children the time they need to speak.

**Children  
need to be  
heard.**

## Let's Create



### Heart Necklaces

Cut small hearts from red construction paper. Poke a hole near the centre of each heart. Cut wide plastic straws into 2-3 cm. lengths (or use dried penne pasta or Cheerios). Cut a piece of yarn about 45 cm. long. Thread yarn through paper hearts and straws. Tie the ends of the yarn together to create a necklace.



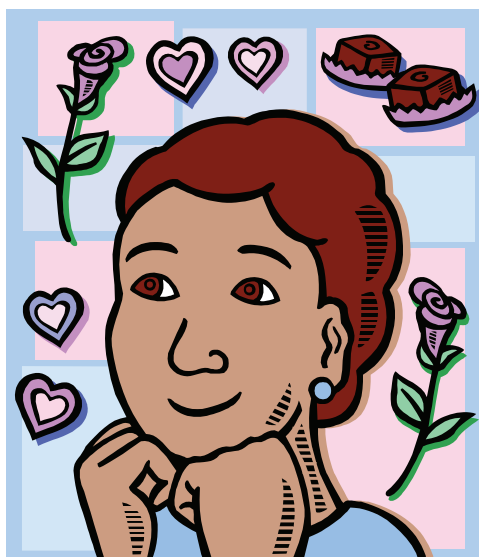
Your child may want to say "I love you" to someone special and give him or her this necklace.

## Let's Be Together

Telling children that you love them is the best way to show them that talking about feelings is important. They learn that it is OK to express feelings.

Some people have difficulty saying "I Love You". They may not be used to hearing or saying it. If "I love you" is not something your family expresses, start by telling your child.

Show your child by example that it is important to say what she feels.



Teaching your child to express feelings is a wonderful gift to give.



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