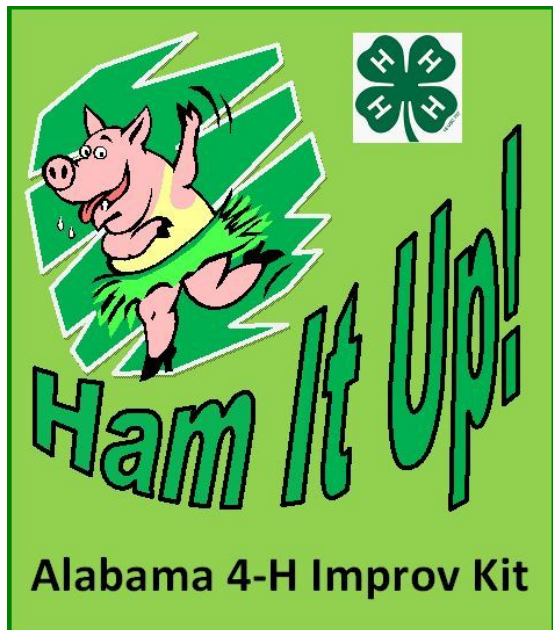


## **Ham It Up – The Alabama 4-H Improv Club Kit**



### **This Is Not What It Is**

**Life Skill:**

Communicating with Others  
Improvisation

**Success Indicator:**

The young people will demonstrate the ability to use their imagination by using ordinary objects in new ways.

**Time:** 15 minutes – Depending on Group Size

**Suggested Group Size:**

12 or less

**Supplies:**

Club kit

Imagination is based on seeing things that no one has ever seen before. An inventor sees a problem and then begins to understand how that problem can be solved through new approaches and new ideas. A writer uses his or her experiences to create new characters and new stories.

When we look at clouds, we know they are clouds, but we can often see dragons or angels or cats and dogs. This activity allows us to look at everyday objects and imagine them as something completely different.

**Do the Activity**

Instruct the young people in the activity:

- Stand in a circle around the objects from the Club Kit which have been placed on a table in the middle of the group.
- One at a time, step forward and take an object from the table and demonstrate its use as something other than what it is. For example, the cup might be a hat or a megaphone.

Turn on the CD player to the first two pieces of music. Have the young people – one at a time -- select and demonstrate objects. You can let this activity run until their inspiration runs out of steam or through the first two pieces of music.

**Talking It Over**

**Share What You Did**

What did you like about activity?

What was the most difficult part for you?

Which objects were the easiest to work with and why? The most difficult?

**Process What's Important**

What led you to create your ideas?

**Generalize to Your Life**

What are some times that you may have to look at things differently in order to solve problems? How do inventors find ways of creating something new?

**Apply What You Have Learned**

Solving problems is based on the ideas of looking at things in different ways? How can we use this idea to create new opportunities?