STEM: Your kiddo will need basic STEM skills, such as counting and pattern matching, for everyday tasks. The following imaginary scenarios mimic real-life ones to provide opportunities for practice!

BASIC MATH

Scenario 3: You (a customer) order an ice cream cone with 3 scoops and a topping. Ask your child how much they should charge, according to the menu. Give them \$7 in play money (\$1 too much), then ask if you've paid the correct amount.

Your child can practice counting and adding through this scenario! It'll also help them understand the value of money and let them try handling it.



PATTERN MATCHING

Scenario 4: You (a customer) are buying 2 ice cream cones for you and your friends. You pick 2 cards and give them to your child (the shopkeeper) to assemble.

To assemble the cones, your child will have to pay close attention to the patterns on the cards and find the matching scoops.







FREE PLAY

Allow your child to scoop, stack, spin, and play however they like! Whether they're making a super tall ice cream cone or creating a truly unique flavor combo, they'll be improving their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Plus, little ones can practice social and emotional skills through pretend play, whether they're alone or with a friend!



INTERACTIVE PLAY

This set's realistic play food and utensils can set you up for some sweet parent-child fun. Role-playing is a great way to teach your child a variety of skills—from social and emotional, to STEM.

Try out the following scenarios, then target additional skills by coming up with your own!



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL: Imaginary scenarios provide opportunities for little ones to build the social and emotional skills they'll need to understand and communicate well with others. These scenarios target empathy and active listening, which can help your child understand and communicate well with others.

EMPATHY

Scenario 1: You (a customer) ask your child (the shopkeeper) for 2 scoops of the shop's famous chocolate ice cream. Another customer (a doll) also wants a scoop, but there is none left. They even came all the way across town to try the famous flavor!

Through this scenario, your child can practice stepping into someone else's shoes and considering their feelings. Ask your child:

"How would you feel if you planned a long trip to the shop to try their chocolate ice cream, only for them to run out right before you got there?"

"What solution could your kiddo come up with that would leave everyone happy?"

Then, ask them to consider what they would do in your (the first customer's) position. Would they share a scoop with the second customer? We also have chocolate cookies and chocolate toppings!



ACTIVE LISTENING

Scenario 2: You (a customer) ask your child (the shopkeeper) for an ice cream cone with vanilla, cherry, lemon, strawberry, and pistachio scoops, in that order. You also order an ice cream sandwich with chocolate cookies and strawberry ice cream for your friend who has a peanut allergy.

Your child will have to listen attentively to understand your order and carry it out successfully!

They'll need to pay special attention while assembling the ice cream sandwich to be mindful of your friend's peanut allergy.

You could ask your child to repeat your order as a question to make sure that they've understood it correctly. You'd like chocolate cookies, not ceanut ones, right?

