Higher / Lower

You need number cards 1 to 12 and a pile of cubes or counters or raisins!

*It can be 1 to 10 or 1 to 20 depending on how confident you child is with numbers above 10.*

**How to play**

* Shuffle the cards and place them in a pile face down.
* Take a card off the top. Place it face up where you and the child can both see it. Say the number.
* Explain that you are now going to turn over another card.
* Before you do this, the child must say if they think the number you turn over will be higher or lower than the card you are both looking at.
* Once they have guessed, you turn over the next card.

E.g. *Tim guesses ‘higher’*

4

7

*Mum turns over this:*

* Discuss whether the card turned over is as they said it would be.

E.g. *Tim guessed ‘higher’, but 4 is* ***lower*** *than 7. So Tim was wrong!*

* If the child is right, they get a cube. If they are wrong, Mum gets a cube.
* Put both cards under the pile, face down. Take another card from the top and place it face up in the middle. Agree what number it is.
* Explain that you are about to turn over another card. Does the child want to guess ‘higher’ or ‘lower’ this time? Who gets a cube?
* Keep playing like this until one person has collected four cubes.