Creating a circus from scratch is a lot of work! Practice makes perfect and in this activity, work together with family to create an action-packed backyard circus, or create your own solo circus act. Play to your skills to create a circus act that showcases your unique abilities.

**BACKYARD CIRCUS**

**MATERIALS:** CIRCUS POSTERS, CIRCUS ACT MATERIALS SUCH AS HULA HOOPS OR JUGGLING SCARVES

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Begin by planning your circus. Who will perform circus acts, and what acts will you do? Create a circus act that plays to your strength, whether that be skateboarding, gymnastics, or maybe even magic tricks! If you need some inspiration, check out these videos from our partners at the Circus Arts Conservatory:
   - ☀️ The Magical Levitating Ball!
   - ☀️ The Hand is Quicker than the Eye!
   - ☀️ Join the Circus & Be a Ringmaster!

2. Advertise your circus using the poster from the previous Circus Poster activity. Create tickets for your circus and pass them out to your intended audience.

3. Practice! Perfect your circus act with practice, practice, practice. Once you are ready, set up the space for your backyard circus. Set up places for your audience to sit, and serve up tasty circus snacks for concessions.

4. Perform your circus. **Play circus music from our partners the Windjammers**, loudly announce each act as the ringmaster, and perform your outstanding circus performance.