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Science activity
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Helpful drugs

Harmful drugs

Science exploration

⚠️ Take extra care - ask an adult to supervise you.

Make a chart and find out what drugs are used to treat the following: colds, sore throats, stomachaches, ear infections, and rashes. Have an adult help you.
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Science exploration

⚠️ This activity helps the child distinguish between helpful and harmful drugs. Drugs have the potential to be harmful if not taken correctly. Discuss drugs the child may have taken for common ailments, and stress that an adult should always supervise the taking of medicine.