BLUEY EPISODE GUIDE

Tickle Crabs

Playschool · Age 4

Episode Name	Tickle Crabs
Season & Episode	Season 1, Episode 22
Age Group	Playschool (Age 4)
Key Concept	Playing together is how families say I love you

ABOUT THIS EPISODE

Bluey and Bingo want to play Tickle Crabs with Dad. Dad doesn't want to play. He's on the couch. He's comfortable. They persist — gently, adorably, relentlessly. Eventually he gives in, and the game becomes a sweet conversation about why parents play with their kids.

WHY IT MATTERS (FOR PARENTS)

The surface lesson is about persistence. But underneath it, this episode is about something your four-year-old already knows instinctively: playing together is how families say "I love you."

Bluey doesn't want Dad to play because the game is great — the game is honestly pretty basic. She wants him to play because playing together is how they connect. When Dad finally scuttles across the floor as a tickle crab, he's not just playing. He's showing up. Your child knows the difference.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (FOR YOUR CHILD)

1. *Why do you think Bluey really wanted Dad to play?*

2. *What's your favourite game to play with me?*

AFTER THE EPISODE — ACTIVITIES & EXTENSIONS

Try one of these to keep the learning going:

- Play Tickle Crabs. You already know how it ends — just do it. Get on the floor and scuttle.
- Ask your child to teach you their favourite game — not a game you already know, but the one they made up. Follow their rules exactly, even the ones that don't make sense.
- Next time you're on the couch and they ask you to play, try giving in after just one ask instead of three. Notice how that lands.

Tip for parents: The moment Dad gives in and gets on the floor is the moment of the whole episode. Your child is watching for that moment every time they ask you to play. The couch will still be there. The tickle crab window closes faster than you think.