

Inexpensive Things to do with Your Child

Try to have fun together as a family, often for free or without spending much money. Here is a list of ways to have fun with your kids **(some are weather dependent)**

1. Have a reading marathon
2. Write **stories** together.
3. Paint or **draw** together.
4. Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes.
5. Go for a walk.
6. Play **board games**.
7. Get up early, pack breakfast, and have a sunrise breakfast.
8. Play hide-and-seek.
9. Have a pillow fight.
10. Rent a DVD and make popcorn.
11. Tell stories.
12. Have a scavenger hunt.
13. Make mazes or puzzles for each other to solve.
14. Play card **games**.
15. Garden together.
16. Bake cookies (let the kids help).
17. Create a blog together.
18. Create a scrapbook.
19. Make a movie using a camcorder and computer.
20. Learn to play music.
21. Finger paint.
22. Make play dough from scratch.
23. Make homemade mini pizzas.
24. Make hand-painted T-shirts.
25. Write letters to family.

26. Paint or decorate the kids' room.
27. Make milkshakes.
28. Play freeze tag.
29. Create a treasure hunt for them (leaving clues around the house or yard).
30. Decorate a pair of jeans.
31. Do a science experiment.
32. Play games online.
33. Teach them to play chess.
34. Learn magic tricks.
35. Create a family book, with information and pictures about each family member.
36. Fly kites.
37. Go snorkeling (in the pool or bathtub)
38. Barbecue
39. Clean out closets for donation
40. Compete in a three-legged or other race.
41. Create an obstacle course
42. Pitch a tent and sleep outside with marshmallows.
43. Roast marshmallows
44. Play loud music and dance crazy.
45. Write and produce a play (to perform before other family members).
46. Paint each other's faces.
47. Have a water balloon fight
48. Explore your yard and look for insects.
49. Go jogging.
50. Take pictures of nature.
51. Play a trivia game.
52. Make up trivia questions about each other.
53. Make hot cocoa.
54. Play house.

55. Decorate the house with decorations you make.
56. Make popsicles.
57. Do shadow puppets.
58. Make a comic book.
59. Blow bubbles.
60. Take turns saying tongue twisters.
61. Sing songs.
62. Tell ghost stories **in** the dark with a flashlight.
63. Build stuff with Legos.
64. Give them a bubble bath.
65. Make playdoh and sculpt objects or people.
66. **Build a** rocket from a kit.
67. Bake a cake and decorate it.
68. Play a sport (nerf football, soccer, catch, basketball)
69. Play dress-up.
70. Thumb-wrestle, play mercy, or have a tickle fight.
71. Make a gingerbread house, or decorate gingerbread men.
72. Learn and tell each other jokes.
73. Learn to juggle.
74. Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest.
75. Cook together.
76. Make a craft
77. Create a collage of favorite things to do

78. SPEND TIME TOGETHER