



Indoor Games & Activities

To Get Children Moving



- **GO ON AN ALPHABET SCAVENGER HUNT**

Make a poster with the alphabet and have your child search for items that begin with each letter.

- **PLAY HOPSCOTCH IN A HALLWAY**

Use any paper you have on hand (or cardboard) to cut out shapes. Use double-sided tape to place the shapes on the floor to begin your game of hopscotch.

- **CREATE A OBSTACLE COURSE**

Use items around your house (pillows, pool noodles, baskets, etc) to create a fun obstacle course.

- **PLAY THE FLOOR IS LAVA**

Decide which furniture is ok to jump on and considered safe. Set a timer and the first person yells, "The floor is lava." All other players must get to the "safe" spot before the time runs out.

- **GO ON AN ANIMAL SAFARI**

Draw or print different animal shapes and have your child color them in. Hide them around the house for your child to find.

- **PLAY I SPY CLEANUP**

Set a time to put away as many items until the clock runs out. Call out an item for your child to race towards, grab, and put away!

- **PLAY A FLASHCARD HIDE AND SEEK**

For younger children, hide flashcards of letters and numbers around the house. Have your child find the cards and tell you the letter or number they found. For older children, hide word or math fact flashcards and have them tell you the answer when they find them.



- **PLAY HIDE AND SEEK**

One person counts and covers their eyes (no peeking!) for 20 seconds while everyone else finds a place to hide.

- **DANCE YOUR HEART OUT!**

Have a group video call with friends and do a virtual dance party. Use tools like Skype or Zoom.

- **PLAY TWISTER**

Dig up your old Twister game and teach your kids how to play. If you don't have one, cut out different color circles, tape them to your floor, and create a simple spinner.

- **PLAY FOLLOW THE LEADER**

Have your family take turns being the leader. The leader gets in front of the line with everyone else behind them mimicking the leader's actions. Get creative with your movements! Wiggle your arms while walking, march, bunny hop, etc.

- **WRITE THE ROOM!**

Hide sight words (letters, numbers, spelling words, etc.) around the room or house and have children find and record them using clipboards.



- **PLAY SIMON SAYS**

A person named Simon is the leader and gives out commands. For example, "Simon Says run in place! Simon Says crawl like a bear." If Simon doesn't start the command with "Simon Says," the players to follow the command are out.

- **CREATE A SAFE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SPACE**

If you have an open space like a basement, take an old mattress and place it on the floor for gymnastics or wrestling.

- **PLAY RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT!**

Choose a start and finish line. Have everyone line up against a wall. Red light means stop, and green light means go! One person will yell out either command as everyone races to the finish line.

- **DO A "DECK OF CARDS" WORKOUT!**

Assign each shape a different exercise. For example, Hearts = running in place, Diamond = jumping jacks, Spades = push-ups, Clubs = sit-ups. Take turns flipping the cards and doing that number of the exercise.



- **PLAY CHARADES**

On pieces of cut-up paper, write down phrases or words to act out. Take turns pulling a single paper out of a container and have fun acting out the description.

- **LEARN A DANCE ROUTINE**

Create your own or find a tutorial for your favorite dance routine and practice.

- **PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS**

Place a couple of chairs back to back and turn on some fun music. Players move around the chairs and when the music stops, the last one not sitting in a chair is out.

- **PLAY BALLOON TOSS**

Throw a balloon in the air and don't let it fall to the floor!

- **PLAY FREEZE DANCE**

One person is the DJ and in control of the music. When the music starts, start dancing but watch out! As soon as the music is paused, freeze!

- **ONLINE RESOURCES**

[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#)

[GoNoodle](#)

[Adventure 2 Fitness](#)

[Just Dance Kids](#)

[Free live children's workouts](#)

[Kids Zumba](#)

[Kidzbop](#)

[Sport Supermovers](#)



I'M BORED...



Things I Can Do By Myself

- Read or listen to a book
- Journal
- Make a fort
- Listen to a podcast
- Create an "All About Me" board
- Color
- Write a letter or draw a picture to mail to someone
- Draw or paint pictures and host an art show
- Make bead or foil jewelry
- Make clay sculptures
- Create leaf rubbing art
- Learn a magic trick
- Create a spaceship out of a cardboard box
- Create paper dolls and houses for them
- Put together a puzzle
- Create a city with blocks
- Create an imaginary creature and write its story
- Paint
- Write and illustrate a book
- Do a photoshoot for my stuffed animals
- Act out commercials
- Play with toys and figurines
- Make clothes for my dolls and toys out of scrap fabric
- Play Cat's Cradle
- Write a letter to my penpal
- Go on an alphabet scavenger hunt
- Create shadow art
- Make my own magazine
- Make paper flowers or snowflakes
- Create affirmation or kindness rocks
- Build with LEGO bricks
- Play Mad Libs and word searches
- Learn to juggle
- Make a Rube Goldberg machine with household items



I'M BORED...



Things I Can Do With A Sibling

- Play hide and seek
- Have a figure skating competition in our kitchen
- Journal together
- Create our own magazine
- Play dress up
- Play a board game
- Make up silly songs
- Create art and hold an art show
- Create a play to perform for our family
- Play school
- Read to each other
- Use socks as puppets and have our own puppet show
- Make paper airplanes and see which one can fly the farthest
- Play I Spy
- Make up a secret language
- Create an indoor "camp out"
- Host a radio show
- Play store
- Build a house with cards
- Play library
- Draw cartoons or comic strips
- Play superheroes
- Make up a funny skit
- Play a card game
- Play the ABC game. Pick a theme (animals, food, etc) and take turns naming an item that starts with that letter
- Use items in our house (pots, pans, boxes, etc) to make our own instruments
- Play charades
- Create a blanket fort under the dining room table or on our beds
- Play Simon Says
- Design a board game
- Sing karaoke
- Do a science experiment
- Put on a shadow puppet show using a flashlight

STAY-AT-HOME RESOURCES



MOVIES, BOOKS, VIDEOS, PODCASTS

[Top 30 Children's Books About Resilience](#)

[Top 85 Growth Mindset Books for Children and Adults](#)

[Top 30 Kindness and Friendship Movies for Families](#)

[Top 75 Growth Mindset Movies for Children](#)

[Top 40 YouTube Channels for Growth Mindset, Creativity, and Kindness](#)

[Top 70 Growth Mindset Television Shows](#)

[Top 40 Growth Mindset Podcasts for Kids, Teens, and Parents](#)

[Top 35 Parenting Podcasts](#)

[Top 50 Mindfulness Resources for Children & Teens](#)

[80 Songs that Inspire a Growth Mindset](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

[7 Keys to Managing Sibling Rivalry](#)

[Top Growth Mindset Resources for Parents and Educators](#)

[4 Steps to a Successful Family Meeting](#)

[41 Family Rituals that Teach Responsibility, Kindness, and Compassion](#)

[45 Growth Mindset Mantras](#)

[How to Empower Children When They Struggle](#)

[7 Ways to Help Kids Deal with Big Life Changes](#)

[How to Connect with Your Child Using Love Languages](#)

[5 Ways to Deal with Frustrations as a Parent](#)

[15 Tips to Build Confidence & Self-Esteem in Teens](#)

[5 Essential Steps to Create a Growth Mindset Corner](#)

[5 Essential Steps to Help Children Cope with Stress](#)

[9 Activities to Build Grit and Resilience in Children](#)