

100 Free Things to do with Your Child

The best thing you can give your kids is happy memories. Have fun together. Here is a list of ways to have fun with your kids without spending a lot of money:

1. Read a book
2. Write stories together
3. Play soccer
4. Paint or draw together
5. Create a fort in your living room out of blankets or cardboard boxes
6. Go on a hike
7. Have a sunset picnic at a park or beach
8. Play board games
9. Play kickball
10. Get up early, pack breakfast, and have a sunrise breakfast
11. Go to a museum – many have free family days and events
12. Go to a playground
13. Play hide-and-seek
14. Have a pillow fight
15. Ride bikes
16. Build sandcastles
17. Check out a free DVD from the library and make popcorn.
18. Tell stories
19. Create a scavenger hunt for your kids
20. Make mazes or puzzles for each other to solve
21. Play card games
22. Garden together
23. Bake cookies with your kids
24. Go to the zoo
25. Go to the library
26. Create a blog together
27. Create a scrapbook
28. Ask your kids to tell you their favorite memory – then share yours
29. Finger-paint
30. Make play dough from scratch
31. Cook together
32. Go to a public place, people watch, and make up imaginary stories about people
33. Visit family
34. Write letters to family
35. Make milkshakes
36. Play freeze tag
37. Help a neighbor together with your kids
38. Build with blocks
39. Do a science experiment
40. Play games online
41. Teach them to play chess or checkers
42. Create a family book, with information and pictures about each family member
43. Go fly a kite
44. Learn something new together
45. Volunteer together
46. Donate stuff to charity
47. Compete in a three-legged or other race
48. Create an obstacle course
49. Sleep outside under the stars
50. Roast marshmallows
51. Play loud music and dance crazy.
52. Write a play and perform it for other family members
53. Paint each other's faces
54. Have a water balloon fight
55. Let your child paint your nails

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56. Explore your yard or a local park and look for insects
57. Go for a walk and explore the neighborhood
58. Decorate windows with washable markers
59. Collect leaves
60. Make up trivia questions about each other
61. Make hot cocoa
62. Play house
63. Decorate the house with decorations you make
64. Make popsicles
65. Play school
66. Make shadow puppets
67. Make a comic book
68. Play in the rain
69. Make mud pies
70. Blow bubbles
71. Take turns saying tongue twisters
72. Sing songs
73. Tell ghost stories in the dark with a flashlight
74. Build with Legos
75. Give them a bubble bath
76. Make things out of found objects
77. Play catch
78. Play dress-up
79. Thumb-wrestle or have a tickle fight.
80. Learn and tell each other jokes
81. Play basketball
82. Learn to juggle
83. Walk barefoot in the grass and pick flowers
84. Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest
85. Prank call their grandparents, using disguised, humorous voices
86. Teach your kid to swim
87. Cook something together
88. Teach your kid games you played as a child – like hopscotch, pin the tail on the donkey, etc.
89. Participate in a free kids build workshop at Home Depot or Lowes
90. See a \$1 movie – many theaters offer cheap tickets for the first show of the day
91. Draw a comic book together
92. Make a scavenger hunt for your kids to do with things in your house
93. Make a cardboard box house
94. Visit the fire station together
95. Go to a concert in the park – many are free in the summer
96. Visit a construction site together
97. Visit a pet store or animal shelter
98. Do chores together – make it fun
99. Play charades
100. Add things to this list!

YOUR KID'S LIFE IS BETTER WITH YOU IN IT.